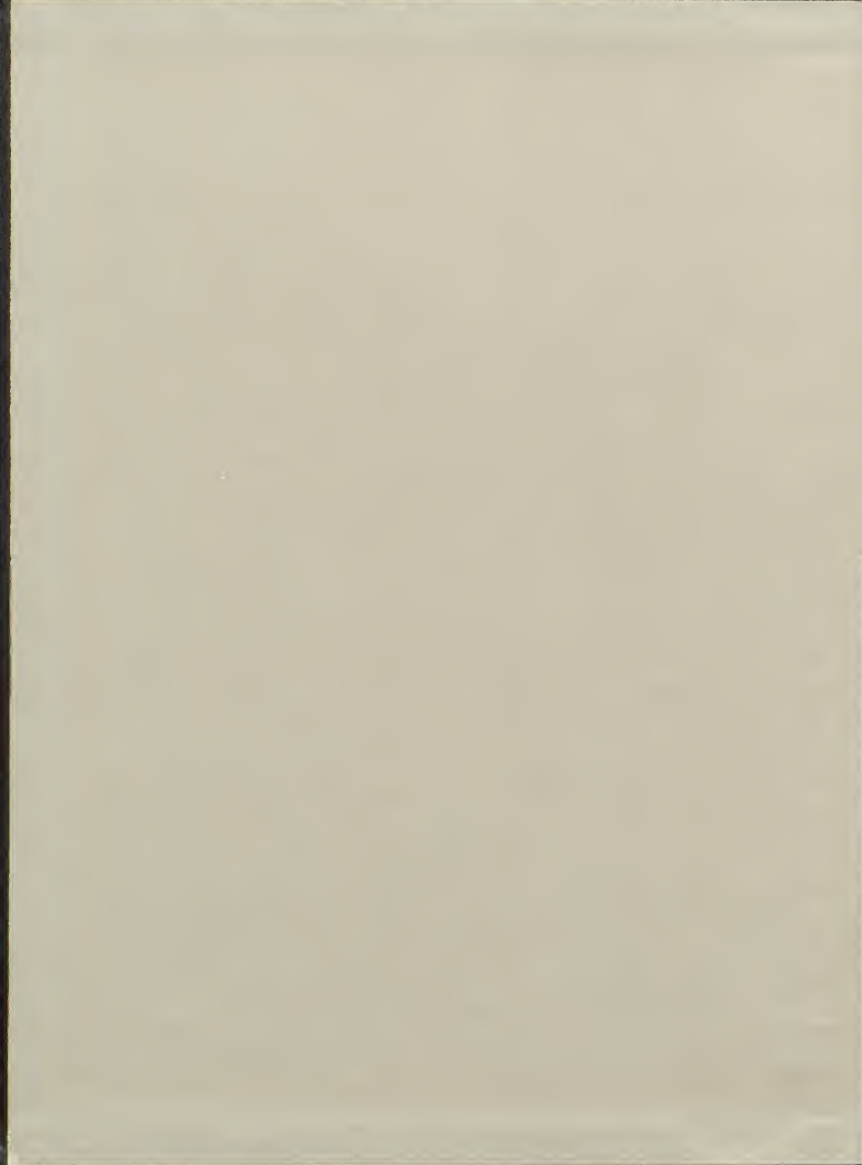


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NEW FACES

The veteran teacher strides purposely into the sixth hour sophomore English class just as the high pitched bell stops ringing. Adjusting her bifocals, she focuses her eyes on the class list, names leaping out at her. She organizes her thoughts, and prepares to tackle the task of associating the new faces before her with the names on her class sheets.

After calling roll, (mispronouncing several names) she arranges students in alphabetical order, calling different students Bob, Steve, Cindy, Mike or Carol, after older brothers and sisters. All the students forgive her except one; she doesn't appreciate being called Mike.

Many teachers face the dilemma of having to learn names for 125 or more students every changing nine weeks. But they aren't the only ones adjusting.

The sophomore moves into high school surrounded by upperclassmen and teachers whom he has never seen before. Most juniors and seniors don't have this problem, having already recognized teachers from their previous high school years. Their only problems are new teachers, not to mention a few new students.

Once the year draws to a close, everybody knows everybody in his class, and students know which teachers are nice and which ones are not.

The aforementioned teacher recognized her students, having classified them by abilities, personalities and individual little quirks. She knows the girl who sits in the back row during fourth hour because she's the one who keeps blowing bubbles and letting them pop in her face.



Old face, new shape. Junior Dean Van Gorp shows that though muscle coordination is necessary for bench pressing, the face is free to release tension. Dean is working to improve skills for varsity football.



New teachers and new students face new surroundings. Miss Kathryn Allen, chemistry teacher, and junior Bill Larson, both new to GHS this year, experiment in chem lab, aided by junior Debbie Van Horsen.

With the addition of the \$4.2 million gym complex the school had received a face lift. The gym includes a track, three basketball courts, weight rooms, locker rooms, and classrooms to serve the students.



A change of pace is in order for senior Dave Teasdale as he becomes one of the new faces around school. Dave is originally from Bellaire High School, Ohio. He started at Griffith at the beginning of the year.

A new face on 45th Street, the Sports Illustrated Court Club, offers students like junior Tim Wilkie a chance to use inexpensive courts to learn the game of racquetball and to exercise.

NEW PLACES

With the beginning of each school year, changes are made. They may be in policy, procedures or even student attitude. But this year the most visible changes appear to be surrounding the students, around the school and in the community.

Around school, the most notable change is the addition of the \$4.2 million gym complex. Spurred by the critical lack of locker space for physical education classes and the growing varsity athletic programs, health classes held in the junior high and a storage room converted into a nurse's office, the school board decided in 1970 that the complex was needed.

The school is not the only growing part of the community; more businesses are pouring into the Griffith area.

The Griffith Park Shopping Mall, itself only a year old, has recently been joined by two more businesses on Ridge Road which are trying to yank the dollars from the consumer's pockets.

Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers and a new Shell service station have opened their doors within a one-mile section of Ridge Road, ready crammed with food shops and gas stations. Stretching from Burger King to Obies there are now six gas stations within one-and-a-half blocks of each other. To burn off the extra burgers, Sports Illustrated Court Club was erected on 45th Street in Highland. All these business want to make sure the tummys, gas tanks and exercise quota of the community are full, as well as their cash registers.

It's these new places to go to meet friends, spend time, and to learn that symbolize community growth.



Quick mathematical figuring is no longer required for modern day cash registers. Senior Nancy Bukema puts in an average work day at Venture in the new Griffith Park Shopping Mall at Broad and Cline.

With the opening of Griffith Park Shopping Mall, many new jobs were created for students. Junior Kay Nelson earns her money by collecting other people's money at the new shoe store for Griffith, Fayva.

Cameras, stereos, and TVs are the business of junior Steve Bradley. Steve had been employed at Service Merchandise in the new mall since September 1979. His experience as a photographer has aided his work.



Like ready, supporting hands, these steel supports wait for bleacher seats to put the finishing touch on the balcony in the new gym complex. Overhead new shiny lights illuminate the unfinished work.

Exercise is a growing priority in the lives of high school students. The new Sports Illustrated Court Club on 45th Avenue, offers several courts, saunas, and means of working off excess energy.



A familiar old place is the telephone outside the J-room. Here students can call mom to bring the forgotten homework or call a boyfriend to make sure he's really home sick, as does junior Cindy Stevens.

Feeling a little under the weather, senior Carol Pustek asks Mrs. Earp to take her temperature and check her pulse. As the school nurse, Mrs. Earp repeats this task daily.



Breathing exercises play an important role in improving one's voice. Junior Anita Smith holds her breath and waits for Miss Prozondo to give the signal to release and relax.



Sometimes a ranch steak is better than an empty stomach as sophomore Lisa Brooks decided. Some students choose McDonalds while others decide to stick around the same old place.



OLD FACES

Summer had ended just as quickly as it came and with that end came the beginning of a new school year. The student gathered her thoughts for a moment, then finally, halfheartedly, convinced herself that she was glad for the start.

Entering the building, the ledge was the first thing to grab her attention. There where she had sat many times before, friends from the past year chattered brightly about the events to come. She couldn't help but notice the the "gorgeous hunks" from last year were still perched among their usual places on the ledge, discussing the upcoming football season.

She continued down the hall where she encountered the principal. He, for certain, was a well-known face around school. (Too well for some people.)

As she moved throughout the day, she noticed there were people she had overlooked, yet had probably returned year after year to keep the school running. The cafeteria cooks were a good example. Day in and day out they cooked and served the food. She smiled to herself remembering all the times she had asked for "no mixed vegetables."

The custodians were another old familiar group which she knew she could always count on for a small favor and a polite smile.

The end of the year came and the girl felt a sense of emptiness. She was forced to say good-bye to nearly 1,000 old familiar faces.

It's pure American Graffiti that students see at certain places in the high school. Whether it's on desk tops, bathroom walls, or lockers amateur graffiti writer leave their mark.

The health food store downtown has been here longer than many students in Griffith High but it still offers the newest choices in health foods as senior Liz Robles and junior Cindy Morris find.

Just one more squirt of water adds the finishing touch to any soda phosphate. Junior Jeff Johnson finds working at an ice cream parlor a good way to meet and talk to his schoolmates.



Although some students never wander down that part of the hall, senior Darryl Fulgraph spends a large part of his day in the machine shop, that to him, may seem like the same old place.

Instead of long tiresome practices, many players choose to skip practice and enjoy the excitement of the game. The play in intramurals on Wednesday nights. It is a sport that consumes little time.



OLD PLACES

They crammed together like sardines in a can. They inched together tighter, so that one more could be crammed in. Suddenly the "five til" bell sent them scurrying. The ledge was empty.

The ledge, the scene of morning congregation, is a familiar old place for students. Other places, however, can be just as common.

Athletes and spectators can always rely on the gym to serve as the place for practices and games. Even the elementary school gyms cannot be forgotten, as intramural basketball players use the facilities.

Since the first day of junior high, people have visited the cafeteria. The big white tiled room across the breezeway serves as a place to eat, study, and catch the latest gossip.

The library serves as an old place to gather study material, read current magazines, or escape from the everyday classroom routine.

Outside of school, places in the community offer service and familiarity.

Red house Antiques and Ice Cream Parlor, a fairly new business establishment, serves ice cream in one of the oldest buildings in Griffith. The large brick building at Broad and Maine was once a bank and a public library.

Griffith stores give residents a chance to shop without leaving the boundaries of the city, and without wasting gas.

Central Park and Franklin Field offer a chance to be outdoors and "check out what hunks are playing," if baseball isn't of interest, there are always snowcones.

Old places offer a sense of security. Until the "five til" bell rings ...



Whether it's a book on the American Revolution or do-it-yourself carpentry, the library always seems to have just what you need as junior Alan discovers after finding just the right book.



"Boom Boom- Out go the lights" might have been one of the songs played after the power failure caused the Hammond game to be delayed. In pseudo-disco members of the football team ham it up and relax.

Our Gang

Comfortable feelings characterize gang life

That favorite pair of jeans, washed and worn for ages is sometimes the only pair that feels comfortable. Often the same is true for friends. Everyone has a certain group with whom he feels comfortable. A group of people to share inner feeling with, and to relax with.

The gang often roams the halls together before and after school, waits

in a close-knit circle for the bus for a ride and always crowds around that special table in the lunch room.

Basketball games and pizza parlors are often the meeting places for the gang. Rumors and gossip are exchanged and friends joke with each other laughing hysterically and prompting curious stares and snide glances from those not in on the inside

joke.

Some of these comfortable groups are continually changing members and others are as unchanging and unwillingly to let new siders in as the Amish. But no matter what type of group one belongs to, large or small, he always knows he has his reserved space with his own special gang.



Friendship, team spirit and lots of cheering are all mixed for these members of Booster Club where the end result is usually a good time comprised solely of girls. Booster Club cheers on the team.

With all the hectic deadlines, never-ending caption writing and picture developing, the Reflector staff grows close over the year. The whole gang dressed up for 50's day of Homecoming spirit week.



Classy hats help to bring out the personalities of some students and their friends. Seniors Liz Robes, Diane Tatral, Jammie Gail, Kathy Wegrzyn, and Laurie Rhoten capture the attention of the camera.

A ten-page composition can't be written without some assistance. That's when books can be a student's best friend. Junior Jodie Racine finds all the friends she will need in the library.

A new member of the class? No, it is Danny the class skeleton. Danny helps the students learn the various bones of the bandaging unit in health. Junior Bill Downing and sophomore Jim Colby look on and study.



"And thus, was the fall of the Roman Empire ..." Senior Donna Born finds that paying attention in class and taking notes helps to improve her test scores that will reflect upon her report card grade.





"To explore strange new worlds . . ." That is the goal of senior Steve Whelan as he gazes into a microscope making the adjustments required to examine bacteria if full detail. Steve is in advanced biology.

We are not alone. There are fungi among us. In Biology 3-4 Mrs. Carmichael shows senior Mara Wright how to examine the differences between types of bacteria. Students use aseptic examining techniques.



Gathering it up

The first steps to knowledge taken early

To read you begin with A-B-C, to sing you begin with Do-Re-Mi, and to graduate you begin with gathering knowledge.

In elementary school, students were taught the basic steps to learning. First, the knowledge must be gathered, then it must be put together in some assemblance to gain the final result. Simple at first, but as we crossed the boundaries of the playground to the steps of high school, gathering

knowledge became more involved.

English became more than, "Run, Jane, run," and math involved more than memorizing the multiplication tables. We were required to learn to identify participial phrases and solve for X. The information necessary for solving our dilemma was gathered through endless hours of lectures and vigorous note taking.

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Gathering it up

Capacity to gather information increases with age

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Gathered information was also a necessity in non-academic subjects. Band members had to learn to produce sounds from the twisted pieces of brass before learning and performing songs. Choir members had to learn to sing a scale before harmonizing for the "Hallelujah Chorus."

Before paintings and sculptures became paintings and sculptures, the artist was required to learn the basic idea of the color wheel and the general

texture of clay. After grasping the concepts, he could proceed to create his masterpiece.

The home economics student must acquire an understanding of machine parts before delving into a new homemade wardrobe. Nothing can be accomplished, however, until material and thread are purchased.

The fastest typist in the business department would still be hunting and pecking had they not learned that the index fingers should be placed on the e and g keys. Once the home row and

positions are memorized, typists can proceed to obtain maximum speeds.

The final reward for gathering all this information comes in June, when graduates are presented with diplomas. The slip of paper would be unobtainable, however, if the first step to knowledge-gathering the information had not been completed.

ASDFJKL: The first step in typing is learning the home row. Senior Joe Maglish gathers information necessary in pumping out more words per minute. Joe's hat is credited to Homecoming activities.





In the depths of the middle earth, senior Lamar Stofko reads "The Fellowship of the Ring," one of the Hobbit books. This book is Lamar's choice for individual reading.

"Really, I don't believe it!" The cafeteria-the perfect place in the morning to gossip. Seniors Sherry Matthews and Jamie Woodard sit and listen to each other's latest gossip on all subjects.



"Gee, what color should I use this time?" Junior Krista Penwitt gathers together her colored markers to practice a new technique learned in her biology class. Colored markers are a must for this class.



"E. coli or S. marcescens?" Seniors Ray Rubacha and Kathi Stassin try to distinguish which type of the bacteria they have cultivated in their sixth hour Advanced Biology class with Mrs. Carmichael.

Lost in a deep forest of two by fours. Senior Ron Redden hunts for just the right pieces of lumber that will go into several weeks of work as he builds a grandfather clock and works for an "A".

Safety precautions, such as goggles, are used while senior Kurt Lator uses the information the teacher has given him to perfect the skill of handling a piece of machinery in machine shop.



Precision and accuracy count in wood shop as senior John Stas measures to the exact inch one of his wood shop projects for the year. John uses the correct tool to make his project turn out just right.

Round and round it goes what it turns out like only sophomore Julie Gordon will know. Julie shows her efforts as she spends her time wisely putting her learned skills into practice in her ceramics class.





Ever wonder where the myriad of teachers' handouts come from? Senior Randy Croft knows. He is one of 19 Audio Visual aides who assist in running off up to one half million sheets of paper per month.

Pinocchio was a boy carved out of wood who came to life . . . Junior Dean VanGorp doesn't count on his penguin's coming to life, only being good enough to earn an "A" grade in wood shop.



Putting it together

Students, athletes combine efforts

A jigsaw puzzle, a creative idea, or an intricately designed building are all structures that at one time or another are put together. There are other things that students themselves put together every day in school, whether they realize it or not.

In the art room, students spend hours on end drawing, painting, molding, and shaping. These students are using their knowledge of art to put something together. After first gathering the required information, which is needed to understand his form of art, a student may then proceed to use that gathered information to create something.

In the machine and wood shop rooms, the process of putting it together works in nearly the same way as in art. Students come to class each day and spend time using their knowledge of metal and wood to put together a piece of art that shows his own creativity.

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Putting it together

Classes, Sports require effort

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Choir and band are also classes where things are put together. After learning the musical scale, the musicians use the scale to organize a musical piece.

In the sewing room the whirring sounds of machines are students putting garments together. After learning the basics of sewing, students are expected to make several items of clothing.

Students also put it together in business. In the typing rooms those students who have mastered the keyboard can be found typing letters, manuscripts, memorandums and other various secretarial work. (Those who haven't just sit around playing with the keys)

Athletes and coaches also put efforts together. Memorized plays, practiced skills, and organized players join during the game to achieve victory.

After gathering the necessary information and putting it together, we can hope for a successful end result.

"Have I got it to where I want it?" Senior Vicki Chandler says to herself as she measures a piece to be put on a project that she is doing for advanced wood shop. Vicki is the only girl in her class.



"One more turn now," that's it, finished." Junior Kevin Balluch makes the final adjustments on his projects in auto mechanics class, building up his knowledge of automobile repair as he works.

The days of snap together tools are gone. Senior Dave Potchen now has the responsibility of cutting and fitting the pieces of the frame that he is constructing for Mr. Leslie's woods class.



No! This is not The Rocky Horror Picture Show "Time Warp" dance but the concert choir practicing for a special song dealing with octave skips. The choir uses different techniques to help their breathing.

Concentration to an extreme is necessary to play the piano piece "Russian Picnic" during a concert choir practice. Junior Teresa Timm rapidly plays the fast pace song as junior Sally Campbell turns the pages.



A final touch here and there is the characteristics that distinguishes a good piece of woodwork form a bad. Senior Mike Worley attempts to finish up his project in wood shop with the use of tools and glue.



Staffers skip parties to meet deadlines

Friday night and the majority of students are out partying. Meanwhile, the yearbook staff is busily trying to meet its deadline.

The staff tries to complete 40 pages a month until all 192 are finished.

"One night we were up until 4:00 a.m., pushing to make a deadline," junior Sally Campbell, copy editor, said. "I really enjoy working on the yearbook, despite the headaches, because our staff is so great."

To set up a spread (two pages) in the book, senior September Suris, photography editor, assigns senior Rich Troksa, chief photographer, ideas for pictures that would be good for that particular page. Sally assigns copies (stories) to be written and senior Nancy Miller, editor-in-chief, designs the page after deciding which pictures will be used.

The yearbook revolves around the photographers. They seemingly always get stuck with hard-to-take shots of embarrassing situations. "Once I was riding behind the fan bus on the way to a game," Rich said, "and a girl mooned me. I wasn't embarrassed personally but the situation was pretty embarrassing."

Junior Steve Bradley, a photographer for the book, feels that "the hardest thing about being a photographer is when we are given two days to take 20 pictures for a deadline."

"Despite the pressure, I love yearbooking," Nancy said. "I get a lot of pleasure out of my friendships with fellow workers."

Photographers—Back row: Sam Marlowe, Steve Wegrzyn, Mary Jo Mayernik, Steve Whitehead, Jake Verhulst. **Front row:** Steve Bradley, Rich Troksa, Mark Rochford, Ron Rodriguez.





Secured in deep thought, junior Denise Gettig takes time out to think about the work that is to be done. Attired in ponytail and straight leg jeans, Denise gathers up the necessary materials for journalism.

Sisterly help. Juniors Jeanette Geisen and Jennifer Geisen discover one another's help to be of a great advantage when trying to find just the right idea for creating a good and useful caption.



Reflector Staff-Back row: Cindy Shearer, Debbie Bollhorst, Jennifer Geisen, Sharon Poi.
Fifth row: Lynn Wagner, Steve Bradley, Ron Rodriguez, Eric Ruuska, Tomm Gunnrum. **Fourth row:** Denise Paradis, Lee Ann Dye, Vicki Garcia, Anne Osmulski, Denise Fratter, Betty Thiel. **Third row:** Alison Owczarak, Sam Marlowe, Steve Wegrzyn, Steve Whitehead, Mary Jo Mayernik.
Second row: Rita Alliss, Crystal Swartz, Jeanette Geisen, Denise Gettig. **Front row:** September Suris, Nancy Miller, Sally Campbell.

Cooperation is a necessity in making the year book. Seniors September Suris, Nancy Miller, and junior Sally Campbell seem to have this cooperation during a typical day in the J-room.

Seven days work: four printed pages

"Oh no," a Panther Press staffer exclaimed. "I've got a story due today and I haven't even started on it!" These all too familiar cries are often a part of the work routine for the Panther Press and the News Bureau staffs. Each staff is responsible for weekly publications, the Panther Press or one of the Calumet Region's newspapers.

The News Bureau is responsible for letting the community know what is happening at school. Each Thursday the News Bureau sends stories to the Griffith Shopper, Gary Post Tribune, and the Sun Journal. Stories to be published in the Hammond Times are sent out Thursday.

"The papers are easy to deal with," senior Jeanine Stettin, News Bureau editor-in-chief stated. "They help us out with stories by telling us how to improve them."

Jeanine's job consists of making sure the stories are completed on time and are distributed to the local papers for publishing. With a staff of only six students, Jeanine believes her staff does a good job.

The duty of the Panther Press, the weekly student newspaper, is to inform students and faculty of the latest news around the school and in the community.

One four-page issue requires seven days of school work. One week and two days before the paper is issued, Wednesday, story ideas, assignments, and picture assignments are made. The stories are due the following Monday. Tuesdays are spent writing headlines, re-writing stories, and copy-editing. The copy is then taken to the printer where it is set into type.

Thursday the copy is pasted up on layout sheets. The staff travels to Litho Midwest Type Company where it puts the finishing corrections on the paper.

Paid for by ads, the Panther Press prints 700 copies weekly, costing \$175 with each edition. In past years, the paper has struggled to break even. This year, due to strong ad sales, they have come out on top.



Panther Press Staff-Back row: Sandy Little, Vicki Garcia, Laura Brown, Denise Fraiter, Lori Clark. **Third row:** Les Ann Dye, Scott Carpenter, Betty Thiel, Rita Alliss, Bob Chambers, Steve Whitehead. **Second row:** Tom Gunum, Sam Marlowe, Steve Wegrzyn, Steve Bradley, Jesse Rocha, Chris Paquin, Vita Luque. **Front row:** Vicki Krupinski, Gloria Govert, Joanne Verhulst, Jeff Alexovich, Brad Houldieson, Amy Baxter.



A meeting is held between members of the newspaper staff in order to get facts straight on the week's news. Seniors Joanne Verhulst, Jeff Alexovich, and Gloria Govert consult one another in sixth hour.

The work never stops for publications staff members. Senior Jeanine Stettin, editor-in-chief of the News Bureau, and senior Vicki Krupinski, editor-in-chief of the Panther Press, relay weekly news in the halls.



News Bureau-Back row: Jacob Verhulst, Jeanine Stettin, Patty Jacobs, Bob Chambers
Front row: Vita Luque, Anne Osmulski, Denise Fratter



Once merchants have agreed to advertise, ads must be constructed. Junior Jesse Rocha builds the ads that will appear in the Panther Press. Ads pay for the \$175 weekly printing cost of the paper.

Melodies vary usual routine classwork

English teaches the basics of grammar and literature. Math teaches computation. Science teaches how life functions. The Music Department, however, has more out-of-the-ordinary purposes.

One half of the music department is the Band. Band is a daily class directed by Mr. Noel Cross and Mr. Robert Sohn. During class the band practices for performing in concerts and playing as the "pep band" at varsity football and basketball games.

Exceptional band students can participate in Jazz Band. They perform at concerts and at elementary schools.

Like every organization, the band had its hand out. They sold popcorn, cheese, and sausage to raise money.

The other half of the Music Department, choir, consists of Concert Choir, Girls Choir, Girls Chorus, and Chorale. While the Choirs meet in classes, Chorale practices out of school. Members are those chosen at spring tryouts. All were directed by Miss Cynthia Przondo.

Music theory and music appreciation, a new class, are electives which are provided for those students interested in music as an art. These were taught by Miss Przondo.

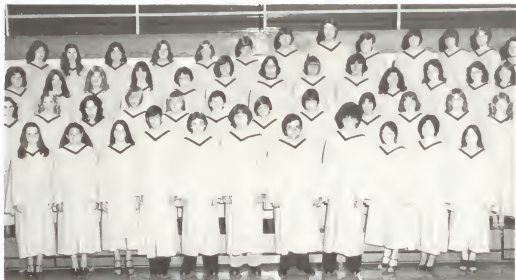
Ceramic bells and candles were sold to raise funds for the choral groups.

Both halves of the music department, band and choir, add a little color to the regular hum-drum routine of classes.

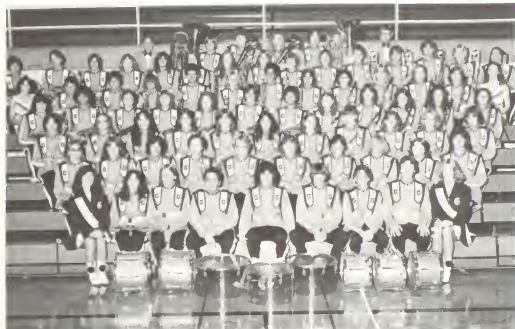
The fleeting moments of glory during halftime for band members like junior Steve Whitehead come only after hours of marching practice. Students must put up with the shrill whistle of senior Lynn Feigl.

Concert Choir-Back row: Karen Ertl, Laura DuVall, Julie Metkosh, Mary Stanzak, Tom Anderson, Frank Sturm, Steve Whelan, Dave Teasdale, Chuck Hess, John Mirda, Chris Cioroiaru, Kathy Pavy, Bridget Wykel, co-pres.,
Third row: Jackie Meny, Beth Lukeman, Amy Johnson, Jamie Gifford, Cathy Green, Charles Mills, Ken Novath, Tim Leonhardt, Mark Craven, Teresa Timm, accomp., Sally Campbell, Lisa

Turner, Yvonne Mitchell. **Second row:** Kathy Augustine, Kelly Ruman, Violet Sumner, Brian Konopasek, Tim Obermyer, Terry Keelen, Randy Fields, Barry Hayes, Jim Geisen, Denise Gelling, Kristy Conaway, Lauri Moreth **Front row:** Paula Kelly, Julie Leslie, co-pres., Karen Springer, Dan Doctor, Dustin Schlagel, sec'y., Dave Whelan, Joel Bratcher, Steve Choate, Jennifer Geisen, Amy Baxter, Jeanette Geisen, sec'y.



With a smile on his face and a cornet in his hand sophomore Don Bodner relaxes a minute before he is called to attention to practice precision-marching and formations during the football season.



Chorale-Back row: Dan Doctor, Mary Stanczak, Steve Whelan, Laura DuVall, John Mirda, Bridget Wykel, Chris Ciorolanu, Paula Kelly. **Second row:** Beth Lukemann, Frank Stum, Julie Leslie, Chuck Hess, Amy Baxter. **Front row:** Dustin Trachel, Jeanette Geisen, Terry Keelen, Jennifer Geisen, Joel Bratcher, Lisa Turner, Steve Choate.

Band Back row: Mr. Robert Sohn, director, Gene Corie, Steve Whitehead, Sue Morgan, Bill Downing, Mr. Noel Cross, Director. **Sixth row:** Gordon Mauger, Bob Grabinski, Scott Ward, Cynthia Fuoss, Patty McCluskey, Dena Good, Nancy Buikema, Donna Comer, Rob Marvel, Doug Schiagel, Bob Hafner, Steve Riley, Bill Schmidt, Keith Mitchell, Keith Zyllo. **Fifth row:** Debbie Johnson, Jeff Chandler, Tom Neil, Dave Brown, Kevin Stassin, Linda Campbell, Anthony Joseph, Chris Gonzales, Andy Wright, Lori Miller, Maureen Kuss, Sonia Trinasich, Sherry Matthews. **Fourth row:** Butch Tomasko, Tony Slinnell, Sharon Poi, Diane Rala, Shari Lewis, Mark Baranie, Ron Rodriguez, Nancy Loomis, Cathy Roach, Donna Billingham, Janet Sexton, Rose Villapando. **Third row:** Mary Nowak, Kelle Huber, Debbie Lopez, Dehn Johnson, Sherry Patrick, Cathy Aquillon, Vita Luque, Sue Luque, Kathy Little, Carrie Jostes, Rhonda Humbert. **Second row:** Mara Wright, Dana Hood, Vicki Moreno, Janet Mirda, Jane Williams, Renee Blair, Denise Fratter, Jayne Hodor, Tracy Pepler, Cheryl Tucker. **Front row:** Teresa Timm, asst. drum major, Bev Bolla, Becky Fratter, Victor Hernandez, Ken Kalicky, Steve Bradley, Terry Johnson, Allen Setmayer, Lynn Feigle, drum major.



Girls Choir-Back row: Kathy Richardson, Julie Messinio, Tina Hall, Anita Smith, Juanita Moreno. **Third row:** Helen Parker, Vice President, Shawn Ryan, Kathy Reymore, Krista Penwell, Beth Lukemann accom. **Second row:** Mary Farrell, Becka Kounelis President, Annette Girman, Terry Davis, Tina Pilch, Secretary. **Front row:** Crystal Swartz, Tammy Caldwell, Rita Alliss, Secretary, Lydia Vicker, Venus Castile, Kim Marlow.



Girls Chorus-Back row: Joanne Kregel, Cindy Hardin, President, Tina Stephens, Kelly Stotle, Dianne Wilson, Carrie Jostes, Ann Kudznowski, Secretary. **Second row:** Mary Kay Houlderson, Earlene Hannah, Carroll Taylor, Joann Bernotus, Denise Paradise, Debbie McClung, Vice President. **Front row:** Josie Medina, Alison Hyde, Tracy Scofield, Ellen Bennett, Dana Tapley, Leslie Milch

End Results

Long nights, hard work, studying, bring hopefully favorable results.

"Often enough on faith beforehand in an uncertified result is the only thing that makes the result come true," William James, a philosopher of the late 19th and 20th century once said.

In effect this statement says that to gain positive results; one need have faith. But often enough, one requires more than simple faith to accomplish the desired end result.

A light glows candescently, scarcely illuminating one corner of the room. Yawning loudly, something she would never do in school, a student rubs her watery eyes as she turns another page of the text book. Her digital alarm clock ticks off 1:38 a.m. Nearly an hour later, she finds herself leafing through a semester's worth of class notes, cramming for the semester exam in world history. Dates and places must

be temporarily memorized. Two days later, outside her fifth hour class, grades for the exam are posted. She looks up Number 18 to discover the end result of her study is favorable, a B+.

A positive result doesn't always come in the shape of a grade. An athlete spends hours toiling under a hot sun on the field or shivering through icy laps in the pool before the sun rises. From early morning practice sessions to the sound of the final buzzer, athletes and coaches strive for victory.

The straining voices of tenors, basses, and altos can be heard as one walks past the choir room as the choir practice. Eventually difficult notes are hit easier

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At first the product does not look like much but after several hours of work in and out of class the product, whether it is a drawing, painting, charcoal or pastels then becomes the finished product.



"Finished!" With a look of astonishment, sophomore Kathy Adams realizes that her manuscript in typing is finished. Now she can sit back and relax or practice daily exercises to improve her skills.

Shaping, molding, sculpting- creativity will get you everywhere junior Brenda Zandstra and seniors Anna Petronella and Donna Born create a being that will earn them an "A" in Mr. Ricks' sculpting class.



The agony of slaving over a hot stove for an hour seems to be worth it as senior Diane Lindauer and Randy Fields have a chance to sit down, relax and taste test their own cooking.

The end has come; it is finally finished. After weeks of planning and constructing senior Ron Kistalusi displays the end result of his wood shop project. Very proud of his work, in hope for an "A".



Please Don't Feed the Animals. Sewing 1 and 2, taught by Mrs. Keithley, decided to make stuffed animals when they were not working on regular assignments of blouses, pants, or skirts.

Ripping out seams, spilled straight pins and cutting on the wrong lines can try a seamstress' patience. But all the trouble pays off as sophomore Kelly Stottle shows off her finished product, a stylish shirt.



End Result

Reward designer with satisfaction

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and a well harmonized group is able to belt out the "Hallelujah Chorus." These performers meet their desired end result as they take their places in the spotlight during a concert.

An art student spends weeks shaping and molding a hunk of clay into what he hopes will eventually become an animal or a miniature person. As the project begins to take shape, he works even harder to reach his goal. Once the clay has dried it is fired up to a glaze in the kiln. He then paints his work of art and the project is finished. The artist reaches the end result, a true work of art which he has created.

Once the studying, practicing and working for a specific result is completed one can only hope that the satisfaction of the result is endless.





Although the audience didn't have to follow a yellow brick road, those attending the spring choir concert found themselves in the Land of Oz as choir members sang some of the many songs from this musical.



A careful hand and an creative mind are needed for those students who want a good grade in art class. Patience pays off when the student can say "I'm done" and adds his signature in the corner.



"It's a work of art!" Senior Tim Cassidy admires the finished pot that is the result of several hours work in ceramics class. Other art students chose to sculpture the heads on the shell.

Boy's and Girl's State-Back row: John Moranski, Joanne Verhulst. **Front row:** Diane Strayer, Rich Troksa.



Quill and Scroll-Back row: Jeanine Stettin, September Suris, Gloria Gövert, Mike Bowman, Jesse Rocha. **Second row:** Rich Troksa, Joanne Verhulst, Jeff Alexovich, Jake Verhulst, Mark Rochford, Ron Rodriguez. **Front row:** Nancy Miller, Vicki Krupinski, Sally Campbell.



Varsity Club-Back row: Keith Lickwar, Chris Garcia, Mike Palanca, Mike Worley, Scott Hinchy, Kevin Stassin, Don Redden, Dave Kijurna, Don Plouh, James Mursan, Jake Verhulst, Chuch McCarroll, James Hayes, Bob Zubrich. **Sixth row:** Michele McFarland, Craig Lee, Ron Redden, Jim Mang, Ted Stokes, Bob Szurgot, Eric Van Gorp, Paul Spitz, Randy Schwader, Keith McConnell, Mike Orr, Brian

Adams, Jim Kurtz. **Fifth row:** Tim Kennedy, Bob Hafner, Lynn Fiegle, Judy Muha, Sharon Poi, Vicki Garcia, Karen Meny, Kay Blount, Carol Genis, Kevin Halverson, Matt Bartlett, Ron Prau, Dale Jones. **Fourth row:** Rose Villapondo, Geri Burge, Barb Mann, Jayne Hodor, Crystal Swartz, Lauri Moreth, Kathi Stassin, Jeanette Geisen, Sherry Mathews, Rita Alliss, Jennifer Geisen, Sandy Little. **Third row:**

Sandy Stevens, Nancy Miller, Diane Strayer, Debbie Sexton, Ellen Adams, Tammy Christenson, Kathy Pavy, Lisa Hinton, Kelly Farinelli. **Second row:** Cathy Toth, Ken Hyde, Diane Konopasek, Michelle Burge, Judy Hilbrich, Ellen Hass, Ken Lenz. **Front row:** Genna Hilbrich, Joe Maglish, treas., George Mills, vice-pres., Keith Myers, pres., Dan Darlson, Sec'y., Joyce Smejek.

Student Council-Back row: Lea Ann Dye, Brad Houdieson, Chris Gonzales, Paula Kelly, Anthony Joseph, Linda Campbell, Kathi Stassin, Jeanette Geisen, Sandy Little, Kathy Augustine, Jean Eaton. **Fourth row:** Dehn Johnson, Lynn Fiegle, Diane Strayer, Carol Genis, Crystal Swartz, Kathy Pavy, Kelly Farnelli, Janet Sexton, Cathy Adams, Vicki Garcia. **Third row:** Pat Kosior, Joanne Kregel,

Genna Hilbrich, Jannie Hattenbach, Linda Dellahan, Dorothy Miller, Tammy Seiber, Karen Meny, Alison Owczarzak. **Second row:** Ron Rodriguez, Kay Nelson, Kris Galik, Kathy Caldwell, Rita Alliss, Gloria Govert, Dave Kapitann. **Front row:** Donna Bilingham, Scott Carpenter, vice pres., Bridget Wykel, Sec'y., Joanne Verhulst, pres., Carol Wagman, treas., Tammy Allenbaugh.



Honor Society-Back row: Anthony Joseph, John Moranski, Rich Troksa, Mr. Lee Baldwin, sponsor. **Fourth row:** Lauri Moreth, Barb Mann, Geri Burge, Mary Nowak, Lyn Fiegle, Kathy Pavy. **Third row:** Diane Konopasek, Dena Good, Melanie Gehrke, Te-

resa Timm, Bridget Wykel, Tammy Christenson. **Second row:** Gloria Govert, Joanne Verhulst, Dawn Gebert, Carol Genis, Diane Strayer. **Front row:** Sally Campbell, sec'y., Nancy Miller, vice pres., Tammy Seiber, treas., Mara Wright, pres.

Honoraries

Popularity, brains, muscles determine five honors

A child is born, and his parents, like all parents, begin to plan

"Maybe he'll grow up to be president!"

"Or a congressman!"

"Or a lawyer!"

"Or maybe, if we're lucky, he'll be an honor student!"

The child has five options to fulfill his parents' final wish. He may be honored academically, journalistically, athletically, electorally, or singularly.

The first way to become an honor student is to be chosen for membership of National Honor Society. Requirements for membership are excellence in scholarship, leadership, citizenship, and service. Members are chosen by a faculty committee.

Quill and Scroll members, those who excel journalistically, must serve an equivalent to two semesters in the journalism department and be in the upper third of their class. They are chosen by present members of the organization.

Once a person has earned a major letter in any sport he or she can become a member of Varsity Club, the organization which honors the athlete.

Student Council members are those who have been honored by fellow students. Members are elected by their peers to serve as representatives for the year.

The final category in which to be honored is singularly. Diane Strayer, Joanne Verhulst, Jim Moranski and Rich Troksa were chosen to represent GHS at Girls and Boys State, held at Indiana University, where they recreated government elections. Diane was elected state auditor, the highest office ever awarded to a GHS girls state representative.

If the aforementioned child fails to be honored in any of the above, he has one alternative. He can still grow up to be president.

Graduates reminisce, face new life

The graduate shuffled through the North Hall. He stopped at his locker, number 74, and instinctively dialed the combination. The door to the upper section popped out and banged his forehead as it had countless times before. He never could remember to hold it back. He peered inside, eyed a large scratch, and recalled the day his spiral notebook dug the scar. He slammed the door for the final time and strolled down by the biology room. The windows were dark and the door was locked. Even Mrs. Charmichael's colorful frog cross section had been removed for the summer. But, unlike him, it would return in the fall. He suddenly felt alienated. The barren halls and the "Class of 1980" graffiti told him that he didn't belong. He was finished here.

He fidgeted with the black and gold tassel in his hand and adjusted the waistband on his brand-new-for-the-ceremony gaberdine dress slacks. Both reminded him that today was the turning point in his life. From now on, he would be making his own decisions about money, jobs, purchases, and whether or not to iron his Levi's. Yes, he had hit the big time. No more pencils, no more books, no more pep sessions, no more Homecoming floats, no more proms . . . The past three years of his life ran through his brain like a time-lapsed movie. Three years ago he was a shy, scared, sophomore. Two years ago he was an overconfident junior. Last year he was an apathetic senior. In three months, when he would be leaving for college, he would be a confused freshman. The idea of the

cycle repeating itself amused him.

He looked at the floor, ceiling, and walls for the last time. Today there were open houses to attend, graduation gifts to open, and wet kisses of congratulations to receive. He pushed open the glass doors facing Wiggs Street and stepped across the threshold to the big world. As he pulled out of the parking lot he took one last look at the familiar brown bricks. He knew that the time had come for a fresh start, yet the first words to his class song filled his brain. "Old Days, good times I'll remember . . ."

As she thinks of the days gone by and the days that are coming, senior Sue Milch listens very closely to the speaker at graduation. She, like many others, is awaiting for the moment they call out her name.



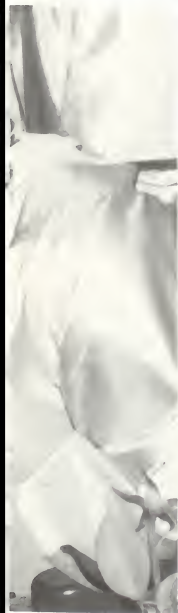
As the graduation ceremony draws nearer senior John Hadjuch readies himself for that crucial moment by making the final adjustments on his graduation cap. John graduated in a class of nearly 300.

Curiously reading her diploma, senior Susan Seto checks to make sure that no vital or much-needed information has been left out. Her high school diploma may later help her in college or a career.





Final fittings. Senior Ruthann Hilbrich and a couple of bobby pins assist a fellow classmate in making the finishing touches. Helping one another with caps and gowns is a normal part of graduation.



Unlike most other girls, senior Rocky Reilly wears her softball uniform beneath her graduation robe instead of the usual dress. Her reason was she had a softball game as soon as the ceremony was over.



As Senior Mike Rogowski looks at the members of his graduating class, he might be considering the fact that it is the last time they will all be together until a class reunion, which would be years ahead.

After riding all the rides and playing some games freshmen Tom Pallinca and his date freshman Lisa Delaham find it comforting to sit down for a rest and take a look around at the annual St. Mary Carnival fund raiser.



Nerves flair and hearts pound as Bob takes step to ask her to game

"Hullo. Is Jenny there?" the shakey male voice inquired.

"Just a moment," the woman replied. She turned her head and announced, "Jennifer, telephone!" She then added in a barely audible whisper, "It's a BOY."

"Hello?" the ne-vous female said into the telephone receiver.

"Jenny, this is Bob. Who are you going to the game with Friday?"

"I'll probably sit with Booster Club. Who are you going with?" Jenny was no fool. She was giving him every opportunity to "make his moves."

"Did you want to go with me?" he asked quickly, before he could lose his nerve.

"Yeah, that would be fine," she replied, nonchalantly. Meanwhile, her heart pounded a few extra beats.

"Want to go to that dance afterwards?" he continued. Why not go for broke?

He picked her up at 7:03 p.m. After an evening of empty conversation and feigned interest in the game, they attended the dance. Both complained for the lack of "slow ones" and both silently thanked God that there weren't more. They left the upstairs gym precisely 10:57 p.m.

Bob politely walked Jenny to her door. He took her hands in his. She smiled, and they both took deep breaths. The rest, so they say, is history.



"Went to a dance, lookin' for romance" whether or not senior Ed Bowman and junior Dena Fryman went to the Homecoming dance after the game for the music or for the dancing, they ended up with a little romance.



"Do you wanna dance?" Senior Jay Bartlett inquires of senior Kelly Spickard at the Homecoming dance. Many people went to the after game dance and had fun dancing to the music disc jockey Gary Mang played.



Holding hands is a regular thing with most couples like seniors Diane Strayer and Bill Martin. They like a lot of other couples went to the dance after the Homecoming game and enjoyed themselves greatly.

A dance, to some, can mean just what it says, but for this group of people it seems to mean just the opposite. Sitting, relaxing, or just talking to one another are some of the ways students occupy time.





Geri, George reign spring festivities; Henry, date attend 'wonderful tonight'

"Listen, Henry, will you just find out if she will go or not?" Henry was playing matchmaker for the fifth time today and the twelfth time this week and it was only Tuesday. He had known it was coming though. After all, Easter vacation was nearing and Prom was only four weeks away. Henry was used to playing matchmaker for these big occasions, and sitting home when the other guys had dates, but this was different. This was Prom. Maybe ... yes, sir, he would do it. This year when everyone gets back and asks him what he did over his Easter vacation, he would not give them the usual answer (Usually he sat home and ate the black jelly beans out of his little sister's Easter basket). This year he would tell them he had been making Prom plans — for himself. The next big problem was whom to ask. The girl he met at Shakey's came to mind.

May 12 came as quickly as everyone had expected. The Junior Class had been planning for Prom since January. The theme chosen was "Wonderful Tonight." The class also nominated

Geri Burge, Brenda Good, Brenda Haley, Diane Konopasek, and Teresa Luszczyk for queen candidates while Dan Darlson, Craig Lee, Ken Lenze, George Mills, and Keith Myers were nominated for king. As the evening progressed, Geri and George were selected to reign over the night's festivities.

Over 140 couples attended the dance, and to Henry it looked as though the majority of them had a good time. The food was decent and by the time Post-Prom arrived couples were swinging.

The next day, people took off for different places. Some went to the beach, and some to Turkey Run. Others, like Henry and his date, went to Great America.

Considering the hassles such as ordering flowers, renting a tux and begging his father for the new car, Henry felt pretty good about the way Prom turned out. He was glad he had decided to find a date over Easter vacation. It sure beat the heck out of black jelly beans.

Aside from dancing, couples used the dance floor at the Greek Orthodox Hall for other activities. Senior Tom Somers and junior Vicki Chandler had a special way of sharing their own "Wonderful Tonight."





The excitement of being prom queen, Senior Craig Ford crowns junior Geri Burge while juniors Dan Darlson and Craig Lee await the announcement of who will be crowned the next prom king.

One of the benefits of being involved is recognition from peers. Juniors George Mills and Geri Burge were voted prom king and queen by those who attended. Each were selected as candidates by their classmates.



With an exchange of smiles and laughs junior Vicki Hill and her date take time to talk with seniors Jerry Konopasek and Bill Hilbrich about the special events of the evening and the following day.

It's the little things and those moments alone with someone you care for that make Prom a more memorable evening. Senior Pat Carlson, in one of those special moments, pins a corsage to junior Keith Myers' lapel.

Once the pressure of finding a date and a dress is off, the fun begins. Junior Pam Kowalsyn dances to the music of Nine Lives. Pam and her date were one of the 149 couples to attend turnabout.

Dancing the night away. Senior Bob Adler and his turnabout date boogie down Saturday, February 2. Most couples who attended the dance went out for a late dinner afterwards nearby.



"Step a little to the left . . . now smile." The photographer didn't have to instruct smiles, since happiness came naturally turnabout evening as sophomores Chris Gonzales and Rose Vega show.



Startled and surprised. Sophomore Sandy Bach is all smiles upon hearing she has just been voted 1980 Turnabout Princess. Just moments earlier, sophomore Chuck McCarroll was crowned prince.





Dancing, pictures highlight Turnabout

Dear Diary,

February 2, 1980

I just got home from Turnabout. It was really fun. Jerry, my date, was super. He looked so nice in his suit!

The dance was sponsored by the Sophomore Class, with the theme "Even in the Quietest Moments," by Supertramp.

The festivities began when Jerry came to pick me up at 6 p.m. (We HAD to take pictures. Mom took so many that it was embarrassing. I guess I'll be glad when they come back though.) Then we went back to Jerry's house for more pictures.

We finally got to the Cameo Club in Schererville at 7:15 p.m. We sat at a table near the dance floor. The band, Nine Lives, was pretty good and dancing was fun. When Jerry gets going, he can really dance!

Near the end of the night the prince and princess candidates were announced.

For prince the candidates were sophomores Paul Clark, Matt Bartlett, Ed Konopasek, Chuck McCarroll and Jeff Kistler. Candidates for princess were sophomores Sandy Bach, Tammi Caldwell, Lea Ann Dye, Michele Burge and Denise Nichols. I voted for Chuck and Sandy and that's who won!

Turnabout ended at 10:30 p.m. Jerry and I then went to Harold's Club in Lynwood, Illinois for dinner. The food was delicious. I had filet mignon and Jerry had shrimp. After dinner we sat and talked with our friends.

I had to be home by 2 a.m. so we left the restaurant at 1:30 a.m.

We got back to my house a little before 2 a.m. Jerry walked me to the door, and he even kissed me good-night!

That was the perfect ending to the perfect evening.



A moment alone together can prove more meaningful than dancing as Senior Yvonne Mitchell and junior Scott Carpenter realize. They take a few minutes to admire flowers, music, dancers and each other.

Tryouts. A word that sometimes produces nervous tension, seems to have no effect on junior Ken Novath as he concentrates to keep the beat and follow his music. It paid off, Ken made the play.

"Doe a deer a female deer." The new governess, frauline Maria, played by senior Jenny Kwolek attempts to teach the VonTrapp children how to sing. Before long the kids were dancing as well.



Sound of Music, Godspell, required time, effort, practice

The lights are dimmed as the crowd settles into their seats. Silence swallows the auditorium.

Backstage a man waits in the light booth with earphones on, listening for his cue for the spotlights above the audience. The set crew readies themselves for the necessary stage changes. Make-up artists, seamstresses and hairdressers are prepared for any alterations needed. Down to the left side of the stage awaits the pit band, instruments and

music ready for performance.

The director and choreographer sit front row, center seat.

It's all up to the cast now. They wait backstage for their cue as the perspiration trickles off their foreheads, and their stomach muscles tightened. The months of work and planning come together.

The '79 musical, "The Sound of Music," starred seniors Jenny Kwolek and Jon Terpstra as Maria and Captain Von Trapp.

The cast practiced through the cold

winter months and presented the play in April, receiving standing ovations for both performances.

Opposing the traditional musical, Godspell was presented in the spring of 1980. Both productions were directed by Mr. Gerald Spejewski, with set construction managed by Mr. Ray Weaver.

The curtain closes and the house lights go up. The nerves relax and the worst is over, leaving only memories of sweaty make-up yet to come.

Thoughts of stage fright are put aside for senior Bridget Wykel as she tries out for the character "Sonia" in Godspell. Bridget's efforts were successful, she was awarded the part.





Second place isn't as good as first, but senior Jill Zengler, playing an opera singer in a singing contest, is a good loser. She readies to kiss senior Tracy Hansen's hand, the contest's M.C.

Conference time. The production crew of the spring musical GODSPELL discuss choreography and practice times. Only combined efforts will produce a successful, sensational play.

Expression and feeling for seniors Jon Terpstra and Heather Healy its all part of an act that is required for the play. Emotions play a big part in any musical or play.

What's the funniest thing that ever happened to you

Everyone turns their head as you blew your nose in the quiet classroom. When you dropped your tray in the cafeteria, an entire table stood up and applauded. A friend's snickers swelled to uproarious laughter when you pointed out to him the teacher's fly is open. These are just a few incidents that come to mind when asked — "What's the funniest thing that ever happened to you while you were in high school?"

"Once I was at a wrestling meet, and some guys from the other team called me over to talk to them. I liked this one guy, and I wanted to make a good impression. I was walking down this big set of bleachers and I fell. I was real embarrassed but they all joked about it. Now I think it's pretty funny."

-Junior Kay Blount

"One day last year I went to my locker after school and there was a rubber snake in the bottom. When I poked it with a pencil it started crawling up the side of my locker, so I knew it wasn't fake. Some of my friends who were playing golf in sixth hour gym had put it there. We let it crawl around for a while and then we put it in a container in Gary Lynk's locker. The next day we let it out between second and third hour. A bunch of girls started screaming. We put it back in Gary's locker, but when he went back it was gone. They had found out about it and Gary got in a lot of trouble."

-Junior Eric Foster

Once Bridget Wykel asked me if she could bite my shoulder.

-Sophomore Mark Craven

"This summer, Gary Lynk, Greg Santini, Ron Urevig and I went to a Blue Oyster Cult concert. When we got back to Griffith, we went to Villa and then over to Sandy Mercer's house and talked to her through her window. At about 1 a.m. this cop came and told us that we had ten minutes to get home or we'd get busted for breaking curfew."

-Junior Keith McConnell

"Once Chorale (a singing group) was singing at a nursing home. This old guy got up and started pounding the floor with his cane. All the old people in their wheelchairs started going 'sshhh.' We were so dazed we couldn't even remember the words to our song."

-Senior Bridget Wykel

One dark and dreary night in December, I got a wild idea to T.P. Sparky's (Mark Rochford's) house. While carrying out my destructive (but fun)

in high school?

ploy. I threw a roll of toilet paper into the tree and the next thing I heard was a 'ping' on the sidewalk. Then I realized that I had thrown my class ring right off of my finger. I had just gotten the ring a week before my adventure, so I was quite frantic when I lost it. I went back the next morning and with the help of my dad and brother, raked the yard. I still couldn't find it. The next Monday I was called to the junior high office, where they gave me my ring. They said a paper boy had found it on his Sunday morning route."

-Junior Steve Bradley

"I was sitting in the stands during the homecoming game and I looked out at our float, which I had designed, and Yosemite Sam was falling straight over. It was like watching three weeks work self-destruct in three seconds.

-Junior Ron Rodriguez

"It was during the winter and I was wearing clogs. I was walking in front of a bunch of boys on the ledge and I slipped and fell and my papers went flying everywhere. They all started laughing and I just walked away and let my papers sit there."

-Senior Diane Lindauer

"In individual reading a lot of people seem to doze off. One time Kevin Spry was reading his book, facing sideways out of his chair. He fell asleep, and suddenly he started snoring real loud. He woke up everyone else in the class. We all looked at him while he kept sleeping. Everyone in Mr. Harkin's class started laughing, except Mr. Harkin. He was the closest person to Kevin and he didn't even hear."

-Senior Jeff Alexovich

"One day I went upstairs looking for Mr. Dalton and I asked a teacher if he could tell me where he was. The teacher turned out to be Mr. Dalton."

-Junior Bob Chambers

"One night a few of my friends and I went to Jewel to buy some toilet paper. Four of us went in to buy it while Bill Schmidt, Ron Rodriguez, and Sherry Patrick stayed in the car. As soon as we got in the store they took off. We waited for about 15 minutes in front of Jewel for them to come back. When they did we asked them where they had gone. Bill said, 'We T.P.'d your house, Sharon.'"

-Sophomore Sharon Poi

Crazy, embarrassing experiences and eventually fade into part of the "remember when . . .?" days. (You know: Member when the Homecoming float fell over?)



Summer

Leisure, money, sun — summer parts

Summer, no more dreaming about warm weather ... it is here. And with the warm weather comes trips to the dunes, where it is common to see a dozen people emerge from a cramped Volkswagon armed with bottles of sun tan lotion, transistor radios, and frisbees.

Summer also means the girls softball park comes back to life. Day after day, the cheers of fans fill the air as the girls hit the cut-off man and go for the double play. Next to the softball park the swish of the net and the pounding of the ball against the court signal that the uptown basketball courts are out of hibernation.

Summer isn't all fun and games though. For some, it means getting up as early as usual to attend summer school. Learning Parallel parking in

Driver's Ed, mouth-to-mouth resuscitation in health classes, and last minute efforts to make up lost credits or earn extra ones draw students from their long awaited vacation.

Whether it means mowing lawns, turning burgers, fixing cars, or taking orders, many students decide it may be better to sacrifice suntans in return for spending money during the school year. Expenses such as Turnabout, Prom, and new clothes call for extra dollars, as well as summer expenses like concerts and baseball games.

Summer, whether it's trips to the beach, a softball game against Conyers Standard, a Journey Concert in Chicago, or catching sun rays by the side of a pool, it is a break from the routine of the school year, and it can be a lot of fun.



The end of summer brings St. Mary's Western Days Festival to town. Students participate in skill games like Mini Olympics. Sophomore Keith Lickwar aims the football to add points to his score.



The play at the plate is one of the most exciting aspects in a softball game. Junior Bobbie Dzurowscak adds to the excitement as she protects the plate and her team. Packaging, from any possible scorers.



Man over Board! Summer brings fun for pool lovers junior Craig Moran grabs his share of refreshment when the summer heat reaches its peak. Craig plunges gratefully into his backyard pool.



Restoration of breathing and circulation, known as CPR, was taught in summer health classes. Freshman Roger Winter practices his skills on Resuscitation Annie, an assumed heart attack victim.



Round and round we go. Freshman Roger Klemoff, Andy Rogowski, and Michelle Burge enjoy a ride on the ferris wheel. This was one of the six rides at the St. Mary's Western Days Festival.

Despite the lack of snow, junior Dean Van Gorp prepares to ski. Dean's wishful thinking didn't bring snow but the cold temperatures came anyway.



Sorry, Bing, snow's absence ruins white Christmas

Snow-frozen water paralyzed in soft, white flakes. Unlike previous winters, 1979-80 found us without it. Without snowball fights, without long walks in the frosty air, and without trips to the ski lodge.

In other words, without snow.

The last three winters, we've had large amounts of snowfall as well as white Christmases. But this year's Christmas was green and fall-like.

Many people, by the end of January, were still impatiently waiting for those soft, white flakes. With sleds, snow-mobles and new snow blowers ready, they anxiously awaited for the weatherman to announce that snow was on the way.

Although some pray for it, as winter goes on and the snow turns gray and slushy, most probably wish it never existed. Snow can get boring, but with a

little imagination and some warm boots, we can rid winter boredom with skis and sleds and carrots for noses.

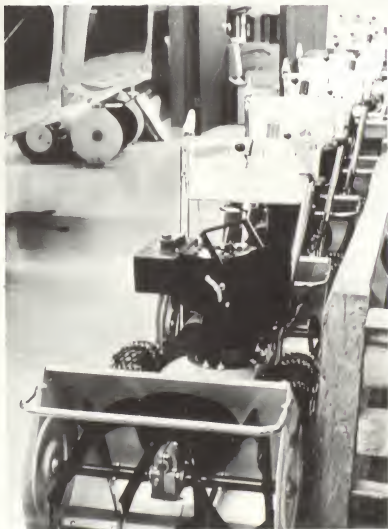
At the end of January, the ground clear of snow, many were still dreaming of ice skating, snowmobiling, sledding and just plain fun in the snow. We are better off this way, though, compared to last year's 104 inches and bitter cold temperatures. With that much, we were unable to get out to have fun anyway.



Water won't freeze above 32, and no frozen water means no snow. Warmer temperatures, as displayed here, halted outdoor winter activities. Some days, like this one, were near misses.



When the record snowfalls hit last year, we were trapped between plowed parking lots, and sloppy streets. This year, in contrast, offered clear streets and no snowflakes.



Because of the lack of snow, many stores had discovered during inventory that the snow equipment, such as snowblowers, shovels, and skis were more than over stocked.



As the Christmas season draws near, bright displays of wrapping paper and decorations can be seen everywhere. Junior Dave Marshall scans the array of wrappings trying to choose a cheery pattern.

Inflation being too much for sophomore Barb Barnard's average weekly income, she finds herself withdrawing from her already dwindling savings account at one of our five banking institutions.



Prices going up, funds coming down, inflation all around

At first, it's little things like your favorite candy bar. It was a dime a couple of years ago, but now it sets you back 30 cents. But when you're old enough to drive you notice that \$1.10 for a gallon of unleaded is a lot harder to come by than change for a candy bar. Like a lot of us, you're an unsuspecting victim of inflation.

Inflation is basically caused by our dear friends in Washington D.C., who insist on spending millions of dollars more of our tax money than they take in.

But this means little to the person who has to buy Christmas gifts for 14 people, or look for a new car to replace the old clunker.

There's no way around inflation. You may have noticed that Dad just doesn't seem to be as generous as he once was with your weekly allowance. And Dad may have noticed that his employer just doesn't seem to be as generous as he once was with his weekly paycheck.

Another potential problem is dating. Movie prices are hovering around \$4 a piece, not to mention food for a hungry companion. Other expenses have risen extraordinarily high in the past few years, too. If you've bought meat or other foods for the family lately, you know that steak is worth almost as much as the price of gold.

Inflation is miserable. It makes us want to go back to the good old days even more. But since prices aren't about to go down, maybe the words to that old song should be changed to, "Brother, can you spare five bucks?"



"Fill it up". With a close eye on the pump register junior Olin Barham carefully watches, to the exact penny, the amount of gas he puts in. The price of gasoline is one that has been hit by inflation.



"That's a little too expensive for me!" When the cost of clothing increases as much as it has, junior Dave Marshall finds window shopping a much better way to save on Christmas expenses.



Backgammon. A game of skill and concentration. Senior Sue Miller ponders her move while senior Mara Wright hopes to outwit her opponent's move. Students spent their vacations in various ways.

With just the right touch and angle of the cue stick junior Steve Riley tries to get the thirteen ball into one of the pockets. Vacation time is for catching up on fun missed while in school.



In deep thought and concentration junior Anthony Joseph attempts to beat his sister Vicki in a game of Stratego. Games like these are played during vacation time as well as any other time.



An interesting game in the afternoon can be a good way to spend some time during the Christmas holiday. Junior Mary Nowak and senior Ken Hyde find Monopoly a change from the everyday routine.

Vacation brings boredom, yet fun

It was Saturday and she was wishing that she could be anywhere but home, listening to the constant blare of the afternoon football game. A flight of stairs and a closed door still didn't allow Linda the peace she desired, or thought she desired.

Christmas vacation was growing disgustingly similar to all the others. Linda would get her hopes up for a week or two of fun, and end up climbing the walls or sleeping the days away.

"I could go downstairs and get something to eat, but I already did that. Not at all good for the diet," she thought to herself as she picked up the funny blue clown that lay at the head of her bed. It had such a happy face she could hardly look at it without smiling.

"Who ever heard of a blue clown anyway?" Frustration was building up, but she was doing her best to fight it.

The last two weeks of vacation had been filled with lots of company, lots of eating and lots of relaxing. Linda didn't want to go back to school, but at least it would fill the hours of her lately empty world. The stack of school books lay practically untouched atop her roll top desk.

"I really thought that I would study, but heck, what's vacation for?"

There was a party that night, just a small get together at Amy's house, probably to finish off the last remnants of the holiday spirits.

"A nice way to end vacation and start the new year" she decided, picking out a clean shirt.

Feeling useless Linda lay down on her bed daydreaming about Monday's day back to school, where she would be next year at this time, and when that darn football game on TV was going to end.



It takes a sharp eye and a quick hand to return the ball successfully. Junior Mark Turner, intent on what he is doing, finds a game of ping-pong adds a little bit of spice to a boring vacation.

Home: the place to go for refuge from boredom

"No I guess I'll just stay home tonight. I don't feel like going out. OK. Yea. See ya later. Bye."

He was a little surprised to find himself telling the others that he wouldn't be joining the regular crowd tonight, but one can only stand crusing Broad Street so many weeks in a row. The pizza place was getting a little monotonous too. After all, he had tried all 75 of the different combinations the place offered. One more slice of pizza and his stomach was going to go on an anchovy alert. So now, he finds himself at home in the company of his family. The family?! On a Friday night?!

The family wasn't bad, but the main activity on the night's agenda was a split between watching "Love Boat" and twirling balls of yarn while grandma crochets. He knew he had to find something to do, by himself. He had to break away.

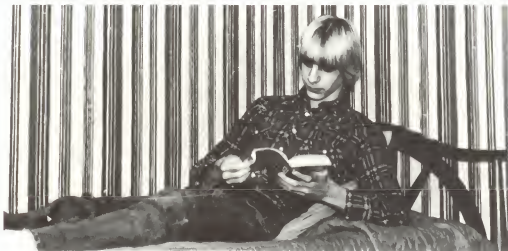
The next problem was. "What to do?" He had a composition due in two weeks, but he had to be in just the right mood to start on a task as big as a nine weeks' composition, and it's a very rare occasion that the mood comes along on a Friday night. He had that book his uncle sent to him last Christmas that he could settle down and read, but

His little sister was making cookies in the kitchen and wanted him to come and help, but to her, "helping" meant dishes.

Finally he decided to dig out the model he got for his birthday from the closet. After a futile attempt he realized he was gluing the carburator where the hub cap went. He tossed the model aside.

He picked up his electronic football game and punched a few buttons, but even the sound of scoring a touchdown became a little irritating.

Glancing at the clock he saw that the time was only a little after eight. Maybe he could go for a deluxe cheese after all.



When the only thing on television is the Muppet Show re-runs, sophomore Roger Winter decides to buckle down and read the book that he was assigned at the beginning of the semester.

Feet up on the table, hands near side, body relaxed comfortably in the biggest lazy boy chair around, position oneself in front of TV and start sleeping. After a rough day, a nap is sometimes necessary.





Instead of saving his homework for the evening hours, sophomore Steve Wegrzyn hits the books as soon as possible so he can have more time to spend at home with his friends and family.



Intent on doing her homework, sophomore Sandy Bach finds assignments much easier and faster when reading a book in a relaxed position. Paperbacks are often used in mini courses.



Munchies — the new American favorite

Crinkle. Crunch. A head turns — supposedly looking at the clock — but the eyes drift in the direction of the noise. A whisper is heard as the exchange of hands is spied between the two aisles of desks. The monotonous silence has been broken by none other than the all-American favorite — food.

Ronald McDonald and friends have succeeded in taking the title of the "All American Pastime" away from baseball. Where Babe Ruth and Henry Aaron once ruled, Baby Ruth and Oh Henry have taken over. The old familiar phrase, "Take me out to the ball game," has been replaced by "Let's order a pizza." Like it or not, we are people who are living to eat, as opposed to eating to live.

This can be debated, however, by the members of the active yogurt culture. Folks who once "hurried on down to Hardies" are now swarming to health food stores to stock up on salt free peanut butter and organic pomegranate juice.

Sugar, salt and white flour have all been condemned at one time or another, but without them how could we obtain the four essential food groups: candy, cookies, chips and pizza?

Who loves ya baby? Senior Amy Baxter sucks a Kojak-type sucker while pushing for more words per minute. Amy works feverishly in Mrs. Judy Erickson's class to finish typing her English term paper before class ends.

While sitting through four hours of classes, students can't help but think of a lunch full of Twinkies and HoHos. Here a group of boys succeed in satisfying that ever present hunger with a cafeteria lunch.





After four hours of hard work in class, it's easy to see why seniors Jeanine Stettin, Lanette Hedges and Robin Seitzinger aren't always in the best of moods. Maybe the lunchtime talk will raise her spirits.



"Do you want to buy some M&Ms?" Junior Mary Nowak seems to be asking as she sits on senior Ken Hyde's lap. The Pantherette's used the profits from the M&M sales to buy new uniforms. Over 120 cases were sold.

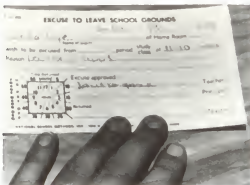


When the work is done, senior Lanette Hedges enjoys a Baskin Robins ice cream sandwich. Mrs. Judy Erickson, English teacher, provided her advanced composition class with treats after completing a 10-page paper.

Yuk

Face hardware: the horrible hassle

Though usually unpleasant, doctors' appointments do have some advantages. If scheduled properly, they can offer an escape from the daily routine. Students are required to prearrange early dismissals.



Braces may be beautiful, but Junior Kathy Pavy felt the real beauty of the braces when the orthodontist removed her metal three days after this photo was taken. Kathy wore her braces for over two years.

Yuk! The typical reaction among teenagers who are told that braces are the only solution to that aggravating inherited overbite.

Students often feel horrified when they discover that they soon, like hundreds of others, will be clad in a mouthful of metal. To anyone braces represent unpleasant things. Visiting the orthodontist monthly, giving up favorite foods and brushing after every meal to name a few. But do not think the joy of braces ends there. There are also other joys such as getting the lip caught, raw gums, and insinuations from friends and relatives of a speech impediment.

However, no braces does not mean no yuks. Although the majority of students may not feel the need to visit the orthodontist, there is always that special need to "See your dentist regularly." This is to insure proper cleaning, filling and extracting of those precious little pearls.

Glasses, for some, can be more upsetting than braces. For braces, although it may seem impossible, can be concealed by closing the lips. The glasses problem is not as easily remedied. Closing the eyes to hide glasses just will not work. There are other yuks to look forward to when chosen to be one of those special spectacle wearers. As with the orthodontist, monthly visits to the optometrist are also in store. Special cleaning is needed to keep them in the best condition.

A doctor can be considered another addition to the world of yuks. Waiting nervously in his office with the sound of "beautiful music" buzzing about one's head is enough to drive anyone insane. The pleasure awaits one to be poked and prodded with needles and other interesting gadgets.

All of this may seem like a lot of pain and trouble to go through, but what about the alternative? Crooked teeth, crossed eyes, cavities, athletes foot, acne . . .





Contacts, the next best thing to being there.

Unlike glasses, contacts can be seen only from a close view. Sophomore Larry Troksa inserts the tiny circles of plastic which enable him to see better.

What a relief it is. Junior Alan King takes a moment of rest from his second pair of eyes. Alan has been wearing glasses to correct his nearsightedness since he was seven years old.



Glasses, for those students who are forced to wear them, can prove to be quite irritating at times. For senior Nancy Bulkema a break from her aggravating spectacles is a most welcome time.

Yuk

Zits, frizzies, flab: unbearable beasts

There comes a time in everybody's life when that dreaded little beast inside takes over. The result? Zits, and what dreaded little beasts they are. They never fail. They plan their attack whenever a special event comes up, whether it be Prom, Turnabout, or even a blind date. It makes no difference to them. They thrive on Homecoming, holidays and social occasions.

Cousins to zits are hair problems. Hair behaves like people. It has its good days and its bad days. How many times have you awoken on a Monday morning to find that your hair is still asleep? How many times have you vowed that you, yourself, would cut it all off? (How many times have you changed your mind?)

Last but not least is the pleasure of dieting. At one time or another everybody has the underlying feeling that he is fat. How about the last time you went to the theater? How did it feel when the lady behind the snack bar said: "I'm sorry, I think you've had enough." Or how about: yesterday at lunch when someone put racing stripes on your fork? What about last week when you had to put five cents in the

one-cent weight machine? There is only one more thing to do. The Special K Pinch. If you squeeze more than an inch of unsightly flab it is time to beat a path to celery and carrots. Once a person finds out that he is fat, he will go to great extremes to become thin again.

Take for instance the quick starvation diet. Suspects are everywhere. The girl in the lunchroom who keeps using the same excuse that she is not hungry today. The guy in the shop room who eats glue. Or maybe even the group in Foods who fixes salads and ice water on free days.

Unbelievably, zits, frizzies and flab have a purpose. What else would keep Clearasil, Miss Clairol, and Weight Watchers in business?



Temporarily straying from the rules of diet, senior Donna Comer indulges herself in the world of ice cream, chopped nuts, whipped cream and calories. Donna finds it necessary for an occasional treat.

One way to diet is to wear food instead of eating it. On activities night homecoming king candidate, senior Jay Bartlett was spoon fed chocolate pudding. However, more was worn than consumed.





Five minutes, Miss Gebert. Between classes bathroom mirrors are crammed with people wishing to fix their locks. Senior Dawn Gebert uses the five-minute passing period for a quick touch-up.

To lessen the number of points gained is to lessen the amount of calories eaten. Juniors Karen Springer and Jeanette Geisen split some low-fat yogurt to achieve their goal of staying slim and trim.



With signs of adolescence slowly creeping up on her, junior Janet Mirda depends on hot water, soap, a washcloth and Clearasil to keep the zits away. Zits are a part of life that all teenagers must endure.

Creepy crawly creatures attack; hunger, boredom result for sufferers

They are after me. They come every day, crawling and writhing like vipers. Sometimes I can feel them coming, other times they come without warning. Either way, they are unpleasant little creatures. They are the Grumbles and the Dulldrums.

The Grumbles usually arrive at about 10:30 a.m. I can be sitting in third hour and Boom! My stomach rumbles and I have bizarre cravings. Then I know the Grumbles have come. I try to calm them by telling them that lunch is coming soon, but they never listen. They continue to torture me until I pamper them with goodies from the cafeteria.

Their accomplices, the Dulldrums, strike any time. Their favorite battle plan is to come while a teacher is lecturing. I know they have clawed their way into my stomach when I find myself doodling in the margin of my notebook or glancing at the clock at short intervals. They love to make my mind drift just before a teacher calls on me. That way I get embarrassed and they get a good laugh.

There is no known way to rid ourselves of the Grumbles and the Dulldrums. They will continue to plague unknowing innocent subjects forever. They are just another yukky aspect of everyday life

"This has got to be a bad dream" is what senior Ken Hyde and senior Mike Koepf are hoping as they stare into space thinking about something other than reading and being in class.

A common sight, absences often result in an hour in the hall either making up a test or in this case catching up on a little sleep. This absentee awaits his call back to class.



To read a book is part of most every English class. Junior Bill Kasper takes a little time off to close his eyes for just a minute. This can be like a daily routine, especially when it's repeated over and over.

It's all part of the class. Sophomore Scott Denske relaxes while reading the Chicago Tribune. Reading a newspaper breaks the routine in Monday morning Mass Media classes.





With a look of despair, sophomore Paul Nicholoff realizes the best time of day (lunch hour) is almost over and he has only a few minutes to finish his ice cream before heading back to the books.



The library, a quiet place for people like Sophomore Mike Hardin to go to gather information needed for a term paper, read a book or just relax in the peace and quiet the library has to offer.

Yuk

Unloved jobs offer money, take time

Working is a necessary evil for many of students. As we grow up we lessen our dependence on Mom and Dad, making it harder to get money for things we need or want. The solution is a part-time job. Many like their jobs, but for the most part, jobs are barely tolerated and definitely unloved.

"I hate my job because the early shift never cleans up and I always end up doing their dirty work," said senior Carol Pustek. "The shift before me figures that since we work the 'graveyard' shift, or midnight shift, we never have anything to do. They leave it for us and I get in trouble. Since I work overnight I get really tired but I need something worthwhile to do." Carol works at Sambos.

"I don't like my job because it's boring, I don't make much money and it doesn't give me as much free time as I

would like," sophomore Eric Ruuska said. He is a paperboy for The Times.

"I had to get a haircut, buy leather-top shoes and get blue dress pants. I have to wear a ridiculous shirt and cap, work 45 minutes after closing to cleanup and I get paid only \$2.90 an hour. That's why I hate my job," said senior John Newmister, a burger slinger at Wendy's.

Unbelievably, there are people who actually like their jobs.

"I like my job because there are a lot of nice people working there. I also get to see different people, and they will help you with your problems. Also, it's a clean place. There's no grease or mess like in a fast-food place," said senior Shelly Smith, who is a stock clerk for Highland Department Store.

Two choices exist: working and stability, or mooching and gambling.

Acce isn't just the place with the helpful hardware man, it is the place where senior Brenda Good and Sandy Kratovil spend extra hours earning money. Pricing items is one of their duties of employment.



Not only does Ponderosa offer a "square meal, square deal," but it offers junior Don Fesh a good job broiling steaks and baking potatoes. The money helps pay for spare time activities.



"Quarter pounder with cheese and a small coke."

Junior Mike Burbridge takes orders from a student; just one of the many tasks of working at fast food restaurants, as many Griffith students do.



As more orders for fried chicken are called off, senior Vicki Moreno listens and packages. Students divide spare time between studying for classes and working late hours for extra cash.

Just a dash of salt. Sophomore Pat Burbridge takes charge of McDonald's famous french fries during a rush. McDonald's is one of the Region's leaders in supplying jobs for high school students.



Poise and grace are demonstrated by senior Kathi Stassin as she practices at Jeanne's Dance Studio. Kathi puts in many hours of practice and many hours of teaching at Jeanne's.

The movies are a great way to spend an evening either alone or with someone else. Juniors Kevin Spitz and Laura White find the Griffith Park Plaza a nice place to break away in Griffith.



Breaking away in Griffith

Friends, places, getting away from the hassles of home

Cut that grass! Clean your room! Take out that garbage! Shine my shoes!

That did it. He couldn't stand the sound of his mother's eerie howl any longer. It was time to get away from it all, if for only just a few hours.

He threw on his tennis shoes and a raggy sweatshirt and ran off to round up a few close friends.

Before beginning their journey, they decided they needed something to eat, and Burger King was as good a place as any. After eating their Specialty Sandwiches, the group spent time sitting in their booth catching up on the current dirty jokes and trying to make each other pass Dr. Pepper through

their noses. Once the noses started to burn, they started an ice fight with some kids on the other side of the restaurant. But alas, all good things must come to an end. A stern-faced manager showed them the exit.

The group moved on to Zayre. There wasn't anything there that they could afford to buy, so they decided to play a game of hide-and-seek.

After a half hour of weaving in and out of aisles, knocking over shopping carts, and stepping on old ladies, one of the boys was caught by another stern-faced manager. He decided that Burger King and Zayer must be corporately related. He waited outside for an hour

before his friends realized he was gone.

It was getting late, so they turned to their neighborhood for a little basketball. They were happy playing horse, but then the neighborhood jock arrived wanting to play "Boa Constrictor" for a dollar a letter, space included. The game ended when they grew tired of "Joe Pro" never missing.

As the day wound down to the dinner hour, they decided the time had come to return to their homes.

"How come you didn't take out that garbage? Your room is still a pit," his mother bellowed as he enter the house. But the howling didn't bother him after a day of getting away from it all.



A second warning, many people who stop at this railroad crossing in Griffith see a double warning to beware of the trains as well as the Panthers as they enter Panther Country.



Wind blowing and leaves rustling, junior Dave Marshall finds just sitting around in Central Park relaxing way to spend an afternoon. Many people find the park an enjoyable place to be.

Inland Steel, the backbone of the Calumet Region. Steel mills support a majority of the families in Griffith. Lake Michigan serves to transport steel and provide beaches in summer.



When riding around the Region, a person may find a ride through the Calumet Region farmlands to be a beautiful and enlightening contrast to the crowded cities problems and tiresome noise.



Dunes, canoeing, tobogganing: only a few of Region's highlights

Once the supply of softball games and touch football games has been exhausted, and every store on Broad Street has been thoroughly combed, Griffith's supply of activities dwindles to a precious few.

But dwindling gas supplies leave yet another problem. What is there to do close by? Believe it or not, there are untapped resources in the Region.

Spring and summer offer dunes, with warm, sandy beaches and Lake Michigan. With the proper facilities, one can sail, water ski, and swim until his sunburned back blisters.

When the temperatures start to drop, the leaves start to turn. And then it's the perfect time to venture down to Turkey Run to have a picnic and go canoeing.

Winter opens the chance for sledding tobogganing, and skiing on the rolling

hills of Crown Point. If transportation offers a problem, one can always ice skate on the ever popular flooded tennis courts of Central Park. If little kids underfoot poses a problem, one can always plug his nose and skate on Katy Ditch. Yet some activities are always perfect.

Movies are good way to kill a couple of hours. But then there's a matter of \$4 a head.

When all else fails, one can always take a jaunt down Route 30 and roam through Southlake Mall.

Merrillville has opened a new theater, The Holiday Star, offering famous people from TV and Hollywood.

Lastly, there are concerts, Zoos, museums, and plays to see in Chicago. (So what's a little gas, anyway?)



"This pair looks pretty nice." Sophomore Denise Fratter inspects the shoes at one of the stores in Southlake Mall. The mall is often visited by Griffith residents.



Breaking away to Southlake Mall sounds like a lot of fun and to sophomores Ann Osmulski and Diane Wilson; it is here the girls check out earrings at Robinson's Jewelers, killing a boring day.



Route 30. A long scenic stretch of highway leading to Southlake Mall and other places along the way. There are shopping, restaurants, theaters and motels. It also leads to Interstate 65 and broader horizons.

Spirit Week

Seniors make clean sweep of it

"One o'clock, two o'clock, three o'clock rock . . ."

No, this not part of one-half hour of solid rock on the Loop, but by looking at the students on Monday of Spirit Week, one might think this song was currently in the top ten.

Monday, fifties day, was followed by inside out and backward, dressup, costume, and traditional black and gold days. The seniors were proven to be the most spirited, followed by the sophomores and juniors, respectively.

Activities Night aided the seniors' conquest with body passes, yelling contests, pyramids, and tug-of-war being the major events. Sophomores took second place and juniors third.

Pudding feeding and "Kings go to Work" composed the Homecoming King and Queen candidates special games.

Kathi Stassin and Dave Kijurna were the homecoming royalty with Geri

Burge, Diane Konopasek, Joyce Smejek, Jay Bartlett, Ken Hyde, and Scott Hinchy making up the court.

Hall banners decorating the lobby replaced the traditional decorated halls. Seniors took first place, juniors second, and sophomores third in this competition.

"Me Want Kougar" portrayed Cookie Monster and took first place for the seniors in the float competition. "Blast Them Varmints," featuring Yosemite Sam, was the second place contribution from the juniors. "Zero in on 'Em," depicted Snoopy and the Red Baron for the sophomores third place float. All followed the cartoon character theme.

Vicki Krupinski, Senior Class president, summed up the week by saying, "There's nothing like an overall victory to leave seniors with a feeling of satisfaction after their last homecoming. I'm really proud of our class"



Inside out and Backwards Day gave seniors the chance to earn extra spirit points by wearing hats here. Seniors Diane Lindauer and Liz Robiez show their spirit. Their efforts were successful.

Not quite a Yamaha but just as good. Homecoming King candidate senior Jay Bartlett is hurried to work during a game on Activities Night. Queen candidate senior Geri Burge acts as his wife.



Henry Ford's assembly line is used for Activities night entertainment. Sophomores Becky McCauley, Brad Szurgot, and Brian Bradley pass a bucket of water to increase their level. The sophomores came in second.



No this is not the latest disco step it's sophomore Beth Ciesco trying to remove a spoon from her clothes without getting it caught after the spoon race on Activities Night Sophs came in first in this race



Seams, threads, and hems are all revealed as senior Karen Meny wears her overalls inside out. An extra point adds to the seniors score with the complement of a hat during the inside out and backwards day.

Gossip, groom
accompany rush

Brrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrring!!!
Hurry, hurry! Open that locker, comb
that hair, kiss that girlfriend!

A bell sounds at the end of each classroom hour, and people flock into the halls to accomplish a combination of the following tasks.

- 1) Gather books. With a quick trip to a locker and a fast dial of the the Dudley lock, the professional can exchange books and still have 4'30" to spare. One slip of the wrist, however, can throw the entire schedule.
- 2) Groom. Once the comb has been whipped from the back pocket (the **ONLY** cool place to carry a comb) follicles can be repositioned in roughly 15 seconds.
- 3) Gossip. (optional) In a time span of two to four minutes, once can discover who is going out with whom, the latest pregnancy, difficulty of a biology test, and other assorted juicy dirt. A practiced gossip can hear and repeat a story to three cronies, and still beat the clock.
- 4) Make out. (only for a chosen few) Those who have paired themselves with a member of the opposite sex commonly use the five-minute passing period to sneak a few hallway hickies. However, if they're not careful

Brrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrring!!!
Too late. A tardy.



The drinking fountain is a common place where students can be found at all times during the five-minute passing period between classes. This student refreshes herself with a drink.





While other students rush through the halls in order to get to class on time, sophomores Chris Gioroianu and Denise Paradis use the five-minute passing period to snatch a bit of conversation.

The five-minute passing time may not be long but seniors John Moranski, Yvonne Mitchell and Dawn Gebert make the best of it by talking and telling each other a joke or two between classes.



Go! The five-minute rush is on and sophomores Joe Pramuk and Colleen Dragovich deposit essential books. Colleen saves time between upstairs classes by sharing Joe's locker.



"Really, you don't say!" Catching up and telling the latest gossip, sophomores Sandy Little, Becky McCauley and Dottie Muller don't let the short five-minute passing period bother them.

To find some time of her own between classes, junior Trudy White escapes the hustle of the school day to catch up on last-minute studying. Her time alone is needed and deserved after a day of hard work.

The bell rings for school to end, halls suddenly become deserted as the rush to get home or to work begins. But senior Geri Burge stays after school to fulfill her obligation to the swim team.



Tedious hours of studying. Senior Barb Mann shows that hitting the books is a project that must be tackled in solitude. Barb is using the gym bleachers to catch up on reading.



A few minutes along, whether they be in a place of seclusion or just sitting on a sidewalk, can prove to be relaxing for any one. For senior Anita Spitz moments alone after tennis can be revitalizing.



Breaking away by yourself

Times spent in solitude — treasured

Alone — adj. and adv., 1. apart from anything or anyone else, 2. without any other person.

Usually this word conjures up thoughts of being deserted or outcast. Through the high school years, most teens would rather stay home than to be seen out alone.

However, there is a time for everything. Occasionally we can all be heard to blurt out, "Just leave me alone for awhile! I need to think." The result? That ever necessary solitude.

Those savored, tranquil moments away from the bustle of the active world are often treasured privately in a bedroom while thought of a new romance or a dreaded chemistry test occupy time.

After a hard game, the athlete often remains on the bench, replaying the turning point of the game in his mind.

Others prefer to let nature aid their

troubled minds and will laze around in the grass, letting time take its course in relieving them of pressing problems.

Some squeeze in time alone during the school day. The deserted halls are used to make up a missed test or a late assignment.

Aside from soul searching, work is often done alone. No matter how close and helpful friends are, it finally comes down to hitting those books and notes and studying by yourself.

After school, students are sometimes left alone in the empty halls. Aside from the janitors, involved students can be the last to exit the building after finishing a test or running last-minute errands for a club or a Homecoming float entry.

Solitude can be very lonely but it is a necessary part of life. Sometimes you have to break away — by yourself.



The auditorium might seem like a place for assemblies and convocations, but the junior Carol Genis it's the opposite. She uses the auditorium as a private study hall to catch up on homework.

We all need to be alone sometimes. Senior Ken Hyde sits on the bench psyching himself up to go into the game. Having some time to yourself can be a real help when you have an important job.

Pantherettes - Back row: Dottie Muller, Becky McCauley, Kathy Little, Mary Cieslak. **Fourth row:** Linda Campbell, Sandy Bach, Tammy Caldwell, Mary Nowak, Lori Miller. **Third row:** Sherri Hall, Genna Hilbrich, Debbie Lopez, Sandy Mercer, Denn Johnson, Michelle Popovich, Terri Legler, Kim Bryant, Lynda DuVall, Linda Pickett.

Second row: Sonia Trinajstich, Laura DuVall, Paula Kelly, Karyn Natzke, Lanette Hedges, Maureen Kuss, Julie Leslie, Robyn Seitzinger. **Front row:** Julie Gordon, Historian; Kathy Frye, Sec'y, Jannie Hattenbach, Vice-Pres., Barb Jovanovich, Pres.

Booster Club Officers - Back Row: Jeanine Stettin, sr. rep., Julie Grubach, . soph. rep., Mrs. Cathie Sivulich, sponsor. **Second row:** Alison Owczarzak, vice pres., Diane Strayer, sec'y. - treas. **Front row:** Linda Dye, pres.



"Oh, The Panther team is dynamite and don't you know that they're outta sight?" Showing its team spirit the Booster Club cheering block shouts one of its many cheers at a football game.

Gotta yell, scream, back our team

Spirit is more than just a word, it's an emotion that every Pantherette, Sweatergirl, Cheerleader and Booster Club member feels. But is it also more than just an emotion; it's all the work that goes into creating that emotion.

Spirit is making posters every Thursday night after school, getting up extra early on cold Friday mornings, and cheering at Friday night's games. It's practicing late to make sure you have a routine perfect before entertaining at halftime and pre-game. Some may think people would have to be crazy to put so much time into spirit, but on the contrary there are over 125 girls in Booster Club.

Ten of these girls are Sweatergirls, who earned their positions by earning the most points in the Booster Club. Points may be earned by making posters, working at club fund raisers,

and making hoops.

The 31-member squad of Pantherettes is also an important group of boosters. They are chosen by judges on routines and appearance. The Pantherettes perform at pre-game and halftime activities.

There are ten cheerleaders that head the pep block after practicing as much as six to eight hours the previous week. There are five junior varsity and five varsity cheerleaders who are chosen through spring tryouts.

The remaining 74 girls are perhaps the most important, because without them the Booster Club would cease to exist. They are the ones who don't wear uniforms but often work harder for the club than those that do. They make posters, bake for locker buddies, and cheer their hearts out, backing their team.



Sweatergirls - Back row: Jeanine Stettin, Linda Dye, Diane Strayer. Second row: Vicki Krupinski, Debbie, Sexton, Donna Feh. Front row: Dawn Gebert, September Suris.

Varsity Cheerleaders - Back row: Kathi Stassin, Captain, Geri Burge, Panther, Carol Genis. Front row: Michele Burge, Kay Blount.



J.V. Cheerleaders - Back row: Joyce Smejck, Judy Hilbrich, Jayne Hodor. Front row: Ellen Hass, Diane Lindaurer, captain.

"Heeeyyy!" Class members boosted each other by dressing up during Spirit week. Senior Stewart Wiedeman added points for his class by adorning himself like "The Fonz" for Fifties Day.



"Okay let's get out there and play together as a team." Coach Bob Galbert instructs his junior varsity team of the best tactics to use in a close situation the team followed his advise and won the game.

As if grading papers and planning lessons isn't enough teachers Judy Erickson and Sharon McClean take time out of their busy schedules to judge the events that took place on Activities Night.



Carefully watching is junior Rich McCarroll as his class puts the finishing touches on its float. The floats appeared in the homecoming parade and were judged at the game.



Time and effort are the key words. Junior Chris Whelan shows her school spirit by participating in the construction of the float. The juniors received second place in the float judging.



Friends, coaches increase morale

In psychology, students are taught the self-fulfilling prophecy. In short, it means that you are what people tell you that you are.

Although most parents usually try to help their children, there comes a time when parents won't be around to lend praises and correct mistakes, leaving others to pick up the pieces.

In many cases, this falls on the teacher, a coach or friends.

Any athlete knows that an encouraging word from a coach can sometimes benefit more than practice. When a girl falls off of the beam in gymnastics, the coach picks her up, gives her a little confidence, and make her want to try again. It is the football coach who molds the team's morale in early season. If he lets his team believe they are winners, most likely, they will.

In an art class, when an instructor takes a sincere interest in a project, the student feels aware of his abilities to do good work.

Sometimes for frustrated students, the only people who can lift their spirits are friends. Friends may not come right out and say, "You're great". They'll let you know with a smile or a pat on the back.

Though most can gain confidence through their own self-esteem and pride, almost everyone at times gets discouraged. When that happens, it's always good to have that coach, teacher, or friend around to say, "You're okay."

Hard practices bring perfection

Each sport differs from the others. Basketball and football are complete team efforts while others like cross country and gymnastics are more individually oriented. Equipment, uniforms and scoring vary from one sport to another. But one thing remains the same in all sports. Practice makes perfect.

Practices often have long hours consisting of tiring drills. The hours are sometimes inconvenient and time consuming. The swim team has practices at 6:A.M. "It's hard getting up in the morning, but the results are good. So I guess it's worth it." senior swimmer Bob Szurgot said.

Besides the odd practice times, it is hard to fix a work schedule around sports — or Pantherettes. Senior Laura DuVall commented, "We practice on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Thursday nights. It is kind of hard to get a routine together and perfect it just on those days, but other practices would be hard to call because most of the girl's work."

Practices do have their drawbacks, but they do have value other than team organization.

"After a good hard workout I feel like our team really got something accomplished," varsity letterman senior Keith Myers stated.



A short stop to catch his breath and fix his goggles and then he's off to swim more yards. Senior Jim Mang wastes no time during a swim team practice as he tries to cut his time.

In September's sweltering heat, the members of the Panthers football team gather for hours on end, on the practice field to exercise and scrimmage in preparation for upcoming games.





One potato, two potato, . . . wrestling is more than pinning someone to a mat. Senior Tim Kennedy strives to keep in shape by jumping rope. Wrestlers are often forced to gain or loose weight accordingly.

By practicing 8-10 hours per week, gymnast Sandy Little strives to perfect her floor routine. Floor exercise requires dance, tumbling, rhythm and poise when working for important team points.



Football

Joe, Eric honored season, 6-4, conference, 3-3

Fans cheered as the buzzer sounded. The gridders had completed another successful season with a 6-4 overall record and 3-3 record in conference.

The season opened with a home game against Hammond Gavit. The Panthers captured a victory with a score of 28-7. The Panthers evened their record the following week with a 7-0 loss to Hammond High School. This game was postponed from Friday night to Saturday due to a failure prior to the start of the game. This game brought tragedy to George Carpenter, a senior at Hammond High, who collapsed during half-time and was later rushed to St. Catherine's Hospital where he died three hours later of heart failure.

The Panthers proceeded to defeat Hammond Clark the next Friday.

The team raised its record one week later with a 17-14 upset over previously unbeaten Lake Central. The game was highlighted by a tie-breaking field goal by junior Scott Bridges with less than four minutes to go in the fourth quarter.

With a 18-0 Romp over conference rival Lowell, the Panthers raised their record to 5-1.

The following three games brought downfall to the Panthers, with losses to Munster, Crown Point and Highland, all Conference foes.

Success early in the game gave the team a 7-0 half-time lead against Munster. The final buzzer brought a

Team members involve more than the football players. Junior Mark Turner, team manager, tapes senior Joe Maglish so that Joe will be able to return to the game. Joe made the AllConference team.



Offense, defense and special teams form a football team. By swarming around the opposing ball carrier the defensive unit does its part against Homecoming opponent Kankakee Valley. The Panthers won 38-7.

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As sophomore Kevin Halverson leaps into the air for first down yardage near the goal line he is stopped short because of an incomplete pass. This didn't stop the Panthers as they claimed a 37-8 victory.

In a last-minute effort to rid himself of a blocker senior Mike Painca tries to escape the opposition to help block a play and prevent the offenders from gaining more yardage during a game.



Varsity Football

| Opp. | GHS |
|-----------------|-----|
| Hammond Gavit | W |
| Hammond High | L |
| Hammond Clark | W |
| Lake Central | W |
| Lowell | W |
| Munster | L |
| Crown Point | L |
| Highland | L |
| Kankakee Valley | W |
| Calumet | W |

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score of 21-7 and a victory to the visiting team. This game provided the biggest home crowd of the year, with more than 3,000 cheering fans in the bleachers.

The Panthers were the guests of Crown Point's homecoming and were defeated. Ironically, the Bulldogs were defeated last year during our homecoming.

The Panther's lost a 15-14 heart breaker to Highland, with a two-point conversion failure on the last touchdown.

With the seniors taking first place in Float Competition, Spirit Week and Activities Night, Homecoming was topped off by a 37-8 Victory over the Kankakee Valley Kougars.

The last game of the season was against Conference rival, Calumet. The Panthers came out on top of this game with a 14-7 victory.

Excellent players were rewarded at the fall sports banquet. Senior Eric Van Gorp was named Most Valuable player. Senior Ted Stokes was Most Improved. Players who excelled Defensively were senior Craig Lee, Outstanding Defensive Back, senior Paul Spitz, Outstanding Defensive Lineman, and sophomore Mike White, Defensive Star Award. (A star is awarded whenever player does something exceptional.) Special Team Star Awards went to senior Dan Darlson and sophomore Paul Clark.

Seniors Ken Lenz and George Mills shared the Offensive Star Award. George was also outstanding Offensive Back, while senior Joe Maglish was Outstanding Offensive Lineman. Paul Spitz ached the most tackles during the season.

Eric and Joe were named to participate on the All-Conference team. Joe won an Honorable Mention on the All-State team. He stated, "I'm happy I made it. I think it's an honor."

"I get by with a little help from my friends!"
Senior Ken Lenz is helped off the field by fellow teammates after being injured during a game. Ken later saw the Panthers go on to beat Lake Central.



Making the correct block as demonstrated by senior Eric Van Corp, Number 44, could mean a first down or even a touchdown against Kankakee Valley at Homecoming. The Kougars were defeated, 37-8.



With the cheerleaders on the sidelines screaming, "Score more!" junior Greg Santini hustles for some extra yardage against the Kankakee Valley Kougars during the Homecoming game.

When a coach says "Get out there and stomp on 'em" junior John Osborn takes it literally, as he walks all over Hammond Gavitt during the opening game of the Panther's football season.



Varsity Football-Back row: Joe Paulach, Dale Jones, Kurt Mandernach, Rich Concialdi, Keith Myers, Mike Palanca, Ken Lenz, Joe Maglish, Mike White, Jim Colby, Ed Konopasek **Third row:** Greg Santini, Trent Whitfield, Gary Lynk, Randy Schawder, Dave Kapitani, Vince Galambos, Brian Boms, Kevin Halverson, Les Thornton, Larry Parker,

Dick Reymore, Coaches. **Second row:** Chris Ivers, Ted Stokes, Paul Clark, Matt Bartlett, Craig Lee, Bill Martain, Ken Hyde, Tom Gunnum, Eric Van Gorp, Dan Darlson. **Front row:** Mark Turner, manager, Paul Spitz, George Mills, Mike Orr, Dean Van Gorp, Keith McConnell, Dave Glassford, Jim Fikowski, Dave Kijuna, Chris Whelan, manager.



Cross Country

Running pays off, Reddens see state

When Fred's mother asks him to run to the store, Fred RUNS to the store (even if it is two miles away.) And when Fred's father said, "It's getting late; you'd better run," Fred RAN to school (and he made it even if school was six blocks away). This running obsession didn't surprise anyone, after all, Fred was a member of the Cross Country team, and the best practice he could possibly have was to run.

The extra running paid off for the team as it ended its fall season with a winning record, 8-6 overall in dual meets.

The team's home course was the Cameo Club golf course, where handfulls of fans gathered on a hill on windy fall days to see the team run. Even with the small number of fans, the team went further in competition than other fall sports. It kicked its way to sectionals and then on to regionals. From there it sent seniors Ron and Don Redden to semi-state and eventually to Indianapolis to compete in the state meet.

Ron and Don were awarded Most Valuable Team Members. Other members awarded were Chuck McCarroll, Most Valuable Sophomore, and Junior Kevin Spitz, Most Improved. Senior Bob Hafner, manager, was awarded a plaque for Outstanding Service.

It wasn't surprising to see members of the team running home from practice and "running" errands, but to the team members who were coached by Mr. Herb Noonan, the running was worth it, the running paid off.



| Cross Country | | |
|----------------------------------|--|---------|
| Opp. | | GHS |
| Chesterton | | L |
| Elston and Portage | | L, L |
| Gavit, Merrillville, Lowell | | L, W, W |
| Rebel Inv. | | 6th |
| Calumet, Crown Point, Highland | | W, L, J |
| Lake Central | | W |
| Munster, Calumet | | W, W |
| Bloom Inv. | | 11th |
| Gary Roosevelt and Gary Westside | | W, W |
| Hovart Inv. | | 6th |
| Lake Suburban Conference | | 3rd |
| Sectionals | | 2nd |
| Regionals | | 2 |

1979 Cross Country-Back row: Nels Johnson, Jake Verhulst, Ron Redden, Don Redden, Darrell Croft, Kevin Spitz, Terry Fines, Herb Noonan, Coach. **Second row:** Greg Smith, Chuck McCarroll, Vic Magnes, Bryan Konopasek, Tim Wilkie, Todd Ferry. **Front row:** Becka Kounellis, September Suris, Bob Hafner, Carol Genis, Diane Strayer, timekeepers.





Double trouble. That's what most schools think of when they compete with seniors Ron and Don Redden. Many competitors find it hard to beat the combined efforts plus the double threat of the Redden duo.

Mmm. After a long run during competition freshman Terry Fines enjoys a nice refreshing drink of water. Terry is one of the lead freshmen, and ranks about seventh or eighth on the Cross Country team.



In an attempt to beat the old record time of 12:24, held by alumnus Mark Reed, senior Ron Redden crosses the finish line with a failing time of 12:28. Ron placed third in conference and fourth in sectionals.

One on one. Though volleyball is usually thought to be a team sport, senior Kim Stofko shows that solo efforts against individual opponents are necessary for success. Kim was a co-captain of the team.

Wishing makes it so. Senior Diane Konopasek looks on in anticipation "willing" the ball over the net as senior Kim Stofko returns it to the opponent. The two served as co-captains for the team.



Volleyball-Back row: Coach Linda Fryer, Kris Galik, Carol Pustek, Kellee Steele, Barb Mann, Judy Dunn, manager. **Front row:** Diane Konopasek, Kim Stofko, Tammy Christenson, Pam Kowalsyn, Trudy White.

While warming the bench, juniors Kris Galik, Pam Kowalsyn, sophomore Kellee Steele, and Coach Linda Fryer watch the game in anticipation. Kellee was the only sophomore on the varsity team.





Volleyball

Team splits season, Kono, Pustek, make conference team

A week or two before school starts, students begin to dread returning to the routine of hitting the books and rising with the sun. The volleyball team, however, was already getting back into a routine by attending morning practices and learning Coach Linda Fryer's do's and don'ts for the volleyball season.

After a winning start, the team, composed predominantly of younger and less experienced players, settled in to end the season with a 10-10 record and a 2-4 record in conference. It tied for fourth in the Lake Suburban Conference with Calumet and Lake Central.

Senior Diane Konopasek won the team's Most Valuable Player award, while also capturing the Highest



Spiking Percentage award. Senior Kim Stofko received the Highest Serving Percentage award. Kim and Diane held the titles of team co-captains.

Other team members were awarded for outstanding efforts. Senior Carol Pustek had the Most Spiking Aces and senior Barb Mann had the Most Blocks while being Most Improved Player. Juniors Trudy White and Tammy Christenson had the Most Serving Aces and the Highest Setting Percentage, respectively. Carol and Diane were chosen to represent Griffith on the Lake Suburban Conference Team.

Coach Fryer summed up the season by saying that, "It was enjoyable, but at times frustrating. Mainly because I expected some girls to improve quicker than they did."



1979 Varsity Volleyball

| Opp. | GHS |
|-----------------|-----|
| Hammond High | W |
| Lake Station | L |
| Bishop Noli | W |
| E. C. Roosevelt | W |
| Gary Emerson | W |
| Lowell | W |
| River Forrest | W |
| Munster | L |
| Lake Central | L |
| Merrillville | L |
| Calumet | W |
| Hammond Gavit | L |
| Gary Westside | W |
| Hammond Morton | L |
| Crown Point | L |
| Highland | L |
| Gary Wallace | W |
| Whiting | W |
| Portage | L |
| Hobart | L |



Gymnastics

Practice brings blisters, wins

A thud is heard and for a brief moment, everyone in the gym turns to see what has happened. Someone fell off the bars. A few girls shrug their shoulders, others flock to see if the gymnast who fell is all right. As it turns out, only her pride is hurt, so she is encouraged by her friends and teammates to pick herself up, dust herself off, and start all over again. That's exactly what she does, not worrying about falling again, only worrying about perfecting her routine so that by the first meet, she will be able to come through with a first for herself and for the team as a whole.

In high school gymnastics, girls sweat, bruise, blister, and ache before their accomplishments begin to pay off. Although none of the girls is Olga Korbet or Nadia, they prove through their hard work that all the suffering and long hours pay off if it helps them to be the best that they can possibly be.

Although many people don't realize it, gymnastics is divided into two groups that can be compared to varsity and junior varsity. When a gymnast begins she is usually considered to be intermediate, unless she is very talented in which case she may be categorized as optional, which is similar to varsity. Some girls feel that getting a first in their particular event is most important whereas others work towards advancing to the optional level. Regardless of the cause gymnasts all seem to work toward their goals with vigor and intensity.



When you look down, the ground seems so far away. In reality, the six inch beam is only four feet off the ground. Sophomore Karen Rex concentrates while coach Jonell Bessing encourages her.



A little chalk on the hands as well as a pat on the back from a coach helps junior Carrie Jostes psych herself up for a competitive routine on the uneven parallel bars.

Hard work, balance and precision timing along with a helpful hand from a coach provide the essentials for a top quality vault routine as freshman Becky Moreth demonstrates.



Gymnastics-Back row: Coach Jonell Bessing, Sandy Little, Sherry Mathews, Carrie Jostes, Amy Bradley, Asst. Coach Leslie Stodard, Jennifer Geisen, Mgr. **Second row:** Becky Moreth, Nancy Jarmakowicz, Jayne Hodor. **Front row:** Jeanette Geisen, Karen Rex, Karen Meny.



With a lift from the springboard, and a previous week full of tiring practices, senior Karen Meny demonstrates what she considers her best effort on the vault.

Where are they when you need them? Trying to keep the ball on court and away from Warriors is harder than it looks. Sophomore Mary Cieslak tries to provide some assistance to senior Barb Mann.



Girls Basketball - Back Row: Barb Mann, Carol Pustek, Mary Cieslak, Judy Hilbrich, Joanne Kregel, **Front Row:** Dawn Regeski, Lori VanGorp, Pam Kowalsyn, Kelly Farinelli, Kim Stolko. **Not pictured:** Coach James Garretson.



"It's mine and you can't have it." Sophomore Vicki Garcia grabs the ball from her opponent hoping that she can work her way into the open and shoot for a basket to increase the score.





Jump, Carol, Jump! senior Carol Pustek jumps for a rebound at a home game against Calumet. Carol has been in basketball since her freshman year. She is also involved in volleyball and track.

Basketball



Girls 'not blessed' lack experience

With a roster scattering seven sophomores over an 11-girl team, inexperience is a dominating factor. The team was so inexperienced that Head Coach James Garretson's main concern was "to teach and practice new skills."

With the experience gone from last year's team, the girls fell to a 1-14 record. The lone victory came at the expense of Gary Emerson.

"The only thing to compare this year to is the last two years. We had four girls who were all-around athletes," Garretson said. "And we were not blessed with that this year."

With the hope of developing experienced players, Griffith coaches worked with students coming up through the junior high.

"The J.V. coach, Dallas Thorn, taught the basics of the sport. She was a tremendous help to both the J.V. and varsity teams," Garretson said.

"In the future we hope to establish junior high teams," he continued. "This would allow the players to learn the basics before they play on the J.V. or varsity team, which would enable us to take less time on the drills and more on the offensive and defensive plays."

Senior Barb Mann, junior Pam Kowalisyn, sophomores Joanne Kregel and Lori Van Gorp spent time after school, teaching the basic skills to elementary students. By the time they reach high school, experience will be one quality those students shouldn't be lacking.

Eyes on the ball, juniors Pam Kowalisyn and Kelly Farinelli and senior Carol Pustek concentrate on the technique to use to score two points in their losing effort against conference foe Calumet.



Girls Basketball

| Opp. | GHS |
|----------------|-----|
| Andean | L |
| Chesterton | L |
| Calumet | L |
| Highland | L |
| Hammond Morton | L |
| Lowell | L |
| Hammond Gavit | L |
| Munster | L |
| Gary Wallace | L |
| Crown Point | L |
| Gary Emerson | W |
| Merrillville | L |
| Lake Central | L |
| Lake Station | L |
| Sectionals | L |



Basketball

Long, hard, work brings little reward

"Hey, Dr. Jay, Where'd ya get those moves?"

"Join us Sunday afternoon and see if the Magic man can pull the Bird out of his hat."

With saying such as these being thrown at us from the media, basketball has become a more popular sport. But the pros are not the only teams who have gained popularity. With the Number One ranked De Paul Blue Demons nearby, college teams have gained interest. Even high school basketball is getting more recognition, in the light of "The White Shadow" on television.

Unfortunately, the ingredient that

seems to draw the attention to basketball is winning, an ingredient that the Panthers lacked this season. Without winning, the team went without big crowds and numerous fans.

With only two seniors finishing the season, one might be able to tell why the Panthers were 0 and 6 in the conference. The team did pick up a mid-season win against River Forest.

During the latter half of the season, it was common to see the starting five consist of a majority of sophomores.

Regardless of who played in the game Friday nights, the team
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Speed and agility are important when talking about basketball and sophomore Jeff Kistler displays them at their finest in one of the home games. Senior Mike Worley awaits the outcome.



Trying to regain the basketball for another chance at shooting, junior Larry Strayer struggles with two Morton defenders as senior Mike Worley looks on. Despite their efforts, the team was downed 75-52.



"Oh no you don't!" Junior Chuck Hochstetler leaps to prevent the shot from a Morton opponent. Chuck has been on the varsity basketball team since his sophomore year.



In a circle of Governors, senior Mike Worley jumps into the air to gain two points. Although Mike was the high scorer for the game, his efforts were useless as his team lost to Morton.

Concentration and fast moving feet help sophomore Jerry Smith display the basic skills of basketball. Speed, agility and perfect ball handling are demonstrated here against a Morton opponent.



Boys Basketball

| Opp. | GHS |
|-----------------|-----|
| M. C. Elston | L |
| Hammond Morton | L |
| Lake Central | L |
| Highland | L |
| Whiting | L |
| Holiday Tourney | L |
| Lake Station | L |
| River Forest | W |
| Crown Point | L |
| Lowell | L |
| Hammond Tech | L |
| Calumet | L |
| Chesterton | L |
| Munster | L |
| Portage | L |
| Hammond High | L |
| Hammond Clark | L |
| Gary Wirt | L |
| Hammond Gavit | L |
| Sectionals | L |

Eyes focused on the basket as in mid-air, a player is making great aim. Sophomore Dane Crevision just gets off as shot in an extra effort to score two more points against his opponent from Winton.



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spent several hours a week running sprints and practicing shooting drills, trying to improve their overall performances.

When constant practice didn't help to win games, some members decided to turn in locks and jerseys for a chance to play intramural basketball with friends on weeknights.

For those who stuck out the grueling practice, the half empty gym during games, and the sparsely filled cheering blocks, a losing season didn't seem like much of a pay off. True, they aren't "Dr. J" and their names aren't announced on "Wide World of Sports," but the pay off came in not giving up. To the team members, that was what mattered the most.

Boys basketball-Back Row: Trainer John Stas, John Mirda, Mike Worley, Larry Strayer, Jeff Kistler, Don Plogh. **Front Row:** Paul Clark, Dane Crevision, Dave Kijurna, Chuck Hochstetler, Howard McClure.





Jump for it! Sophomore Marko Stepanovich tries to push the ball to his teammates in order to earn extra points in a JV basketball game.



A struggle for the ball. Sophomores Chris Cioroiaru and Thad Zengler try to get the ball for their team. In spite of their efforts, the Panthers lost the game against Morton with a score of 47 to 41.

Wrestling

Hinchy, DeSantiago visit Regionals

The long practices and missing the 4:30 "Leave it to Beaver" reruns sometimes makes the wrestler wonder if the effort is worth it. For some it pays off, others receive only the benefit of the experience.

Some were forced to stay on a constant diet to maintain the same weight class or to move to a lower one. While a few remedied the problem by fasting the day before a meet, others, donned all the sweats they could find, and ran around for a half of an hour to sweat off the extra ounces. Others failed at both and were unable to finish the season.

The team finished the season with an 0-8 record, but the season was not a total loss. Four wrestlers, sophomore Matt Bartlett, junior Dale Jones, senior

Steve DeSantiago and senior Scott Hinchy advanced to sectionals. Steve and Scott then proceeded to regionals and Scott on to Semi-State.

Scott, wrestling in the 132-pound weight class, has won 66 matches since his freshman year, second only to 1979 alumnus Scott Blount's 70.

"So far he's the second best in Griffith's history," stated head coach Herb Noonan.

Plenty of training goes into a wrestler. One practice may contain half an hour of running up and down the halls, an hour and fifteen minutes of practicing new moves and different holds, and 15 minutes of jumping rope.

It may seem like a lot of extra effort, but to the wrestler, like "Leave it to Beaver" reruns, it's an everyday thing.



As the referee looks on, varsity wrestler junior Ron Urevig attempts to break down his opponent and roll him on to his back to add more points to his own score and the team score.



Wrestling-Back row: Ass't. Coaches Pat McTaggart and Keith Shorb, Dave Sharp, Scott Hinchy, Ron Kisfalusi, Dale Jones, Dean VanGorp, Coach Herb Noonan. **Front row:** Matt Bartlett, Brian Clark, Steve DeSantiago, Dean Borns, Jim Meny, Ron Urevig, Dave Salima, Carl Cummings.



Muscles tight and synchronized, junior Gary Lynk struggles to put a cradle followed by a pin on his opponent. Using all of his strength and skill, Gary tries to add another win to his own record.

Revenge may be the thought running through junior Bill Dowling's mind as he attempts to break down his opponent. This was Bill's first year on the Varsity Wrestling team.



It ain't as easy as it looks. Senior Scott Hinchy tries to find the right angle to attach his victim and pin him down on the mat. Scott finished the season 21-0 and wrestled in Semi-State.



Wrestling

| Opp. | GHS |
|---------------------|-----|
| Munster | L |
| Lake Central | L |
| Chesterton Tri-Dual | L |
| Calumet | L |
| Whiting | L |
| Griffith Tri-Dual | L |
| Crown Point | L |
| Highland | 1 |
| Hobart Invit. | 8th |
| Lowell | L |
| Conference | 8th |
| Sectionals | 8th |
| Regionals | 4th |

Swimming-Back row: Coach Kevin Boyle, Greg Socket, Jim Mang, Bob Szurgot, Bob Halner, Bill Schmidt. **Third row:** Steve Gabrys, Ron Toth, Brian McCarty, Dan Milkuski, Micky Lach, Rick Bereolos. **Second row:** Traci Woodard, Dan Penwitt, Brad Szurgot, Tom Sullivan, Mike DeSmith, Jamie Woodard. **Front row:** Sally Engle, Nancy Bukema, Rose Villapondo, Jennifer Geisen, Jackie Meny.



Body parallel and eyes fixed on the water senior Jim Mang produces the exact form that has enabled him to beat his opponents. Jim is a four-year member of the varsity swim team.



Concentration and perfect timing are the elements of a good turn and probably the only thing that junior Bill Schmidt is thinking of when he nears his turn while practicing the backstroke.



On your mark, get set, go! Sophomore Ron Toth gets ready to hear the gun of the starter announcing that the race is under way. He practices weeknights before meets.

Concentration helps to improve junior Jennifer Geisen's coordination and speed when swimming the backstroke. This was the first year Griffith fielded an all-girl swim team.



Swimming

Szurgot shatters record; girls make swim debut

All of us contact the water daily. We quench our thirst with refreshing sprays from the fountain. We stand under the showers to remove the day's drudgery. But getting up before 6 a.m. to swim 4,000-yards of the school's pool is definitely above average.

For the boy's swim team, the early morning practices and the 8,000-yard workouts after school paid off, as they improved career bests and broke records.

After breaking the pool record for the 100-yard breast stroke last year, senior Bob Szurgot came back this year to better his record three times. Bob's final record was 1.59.

Bob was not the only swimmer breaking records. Senior Jim Mang set a new pool record for the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5.91.

1980 brought a change in the decade and a change for the swimmers. The girls broke away from the guys this year and formed their own team, coached by alumni Donna Kregel. After struggling through a hard season the girls are looking forward to a new season when they will have more experience.

Despite the pruny fingers and tired muscles the swimmers kept kicking.

Boys Swimming

| Opp. | GHS |
|----------------------|-----|
| Valparaiso | L |
| Portage | L |
| Munster | L |
| Hammond Clark | W |
| Lew Wallace | W |
| Hobart | W |
| Gary West Side | L |
| Hammond Morton | L |
| Gary Wirt | L |
| Hammond High | L |
| Chesterton | L |
| Crown Point | L |
| Lake Central | L |
| Highland | L |
| Conference | 6th |
| La Porte | L |
| Michigan City Elston | L |
| Hammond Gavit | W |
| Lowell | L |
| Sectionals | 6th |

Girls Swimming

| Opp. | GHS |
|----------------------|-----|
| Lowell | L |
| Munster | L |
| Crown Point | L |
| Hobart | L |
| Lowell | L |
| Highland | L |
| Lake Central | W |
| Michigan City Elston | L |
| Sectionals | 6th |



Girls Swimming-Back Row: Coach Kevin Boyle, Tracy Pepler, Renee Blair, Donna Voss, Jane Brach, Cindy Fouss, Julie Grubach, Rose Villapando, Jackie Meny, Coach Donna Kregel. **Second Row:** Kim Wasserman, Marian Bucho, Michelle Burge, Geri Burge, Heather Golden, Jennifer Geisen, Jeanette Geisen, Lisa Toler. **Front Row:** Melanie Kuss, Amy Hilbrich, Joyce Smejek, Kelly Jansen, Denise Hedges, Brad Szurgot, mgr.



Girls unshadowed, Girls two attend State Track

No longer in the shadow of the boys, girls sports is moving into its own. Girls no longer feel they have to prove they are just as good as the boys. They participate in the sport for the pure enjoyment.

Since girls sports are being taken more seriously, they are growing.

An example of this lies in girls track. Last season, according to Mr. Terry Crowe, the girls track coach, 20 girls tried out to make the team. This season, between 50 and 60 attempted to make the team.

Of the team members, senior Sheryl Batliner was given the Most Valuable Award. She was also awarded Best Distance Runner. Senior Jenny Van Sickle was named as the Best Field Event competitor.

Outstanding Freshmen awards went to Rita Alliss and Jayne Hodor. Junior Carol Pustek won the Most Improved Award. Junior Barb Mann, captain for the 1980 season, won the Outstanding Spirit Award. A special award was given to sophomore Debbie Bollhorst for being Hardest Worker.

Three members of the team jumped, tossed and shot put their way into regionals. Jenny Van Sickle took fourth place in the long jump. Sheryl Batliner won third place in the softball throw and Carol Pustek won seventh in the shot put.

With their performances in regional competition, Jenny and Sheryl advanced to competition at the state level. Sheryl won seventh place in the softball throw and Jenny captured a fourth in the long jump at the state meet.

Face it, guys, the shadow is shrinking.

Even though track season is months away, junior Carol Pustek is all ready in training for the upcoming track season. She runs in the halls after school, building herself for future practices and meets.





In an attempt to pass their Munster opponent, sophomore Sandy Mercer and freshman Sharon Poi stretch their legs to clear the hurdles and give their team more points against Highland and Munster.

Girls Track 1979

| Opp. | GHS |
|--------------------|-----|
| Wirt, Merrillville | L,L |
| Highland Relays | L |
| Crown Point | L |
| Lowell | L |
| Highland, Munster | L,L |
| Griffith Relays | W |



1979 Girls Track-Back row: Kathy Pavy, Jenny Van Sickle, Karen Shultheiss, Judy Hilbrich, Vicki Garcia, Joanne Verhulst, Cindy Douthitt, Carol Puslek, Julie Gordon, Joanne Kregel, Kellee Steele. **Fourth row:** Pam Batliner, Eileen Wilcox, Lydia Vickers, Carol Wagman, Chris Whelan, Jill Paluch, Barb Mann, Sheryl Batliner, Lea Ann Dye, Julianne Kurtz. **Third row:** Dana Marsden, Sharon Poi, Laura Leits, Michele McFarland, Rose Villapondo, Amy

Johnson; Kelly Farinelli; Sandy Mercer, Joyce Smejok, Geri Burge. **Second row:** Leland Bolthorst, coach, Jeanette Geisen, manager, Sue Green, Dawn Regeski, Lori Van Gorp, Donna Billingham, Jayne Hodor, Terry Crowe, coach. **Front Row:** Rita Alliss, Denise Hedges, Jennifer Geisen, Debbie Bolthorst, Kay Blount, Michelle Burge, Colleen Dragovich.

Boys Track



Harriers keep trudging despite rain, lack of track

Through rain, sleet or snow, the Boys Track Team competes. Although weather conditions were less than favorable for March and April, the Boys Track Team continued to practice and compete in the worst of situations.

"Since we didn't have an indoor track this season, we held our February practices in the high school and junior high hallways, mainly just loosening up and getting back in shape after the long winter," Coach Frank Burke stated.

The first few meets were indoors, so mother nature wasn't the boys major contender. As the season progressed, however, the meets were held outdoors, rain or shine.

After one rainy afternoon, senior Brian Ferry apologized for his performance. "I could have run better, but when the rain is beating your back and your feet are so cold you can hardly feel them, you don't concentrate on winning, just finishing.

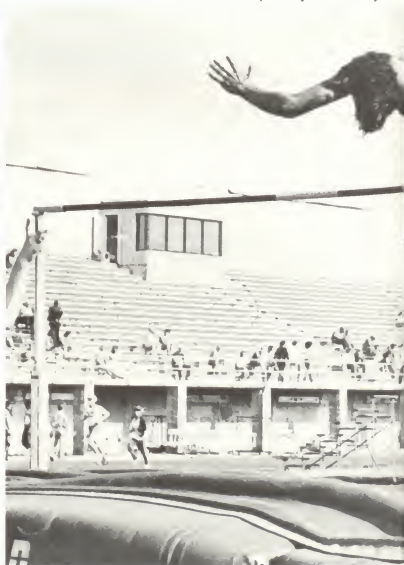
Finishing sixth in the Conference with a season record of 1-6, many of the trackmen were disappointed.

"We had a better team than our record shows," junior Ron Redden said.

At the spring banquet, juniors Ron and Don Redden were awarded Most Valuable Trackmen. Junior Chris Garcia was awarded Outstanding Fieldman and Kevin Halverson, Outstanding Freshman. The Most Improved Trackman was accepted by Brian Ferry.



1979 Boy's Track-Back row: Paul Martin, Dale Jones, Chris Garcia, Ron Lenz, Mike Chandler, Don Redden, George Wade, manager. **Fourth row:** Kevin Halverson, Brian Ferry, Keith Lickwar, Ron Redden, Scott Carpenter, Brian McCarty, Bob Zubrick, James Hayes. **Third row:** Chris Ivers, Mike Powers, Ken Lenz, Dave Kapitan, Chuck McCarroll, Brian Adams. **Second row:** Mike Newbeck, Dean Combs, Brian Bradley, Jake Verhulst, Rich Phillips, Kevin Spitz, James Morason. **Front row:** Tim Winkie, Dan Mikulski, Jeff Chandler, Roger Winter, Dave Lattin, Brian Konopasek, Darrel Croft.





Signs of both smiles and grimaces are shown on the faces of senior Mike Chandler and sophomore Keith Lickwar. The boys use the time before the track meet to warm up their muscles and get ready for the race.

1979 Boys Track

| | |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Opp. | GHS |
| Hammond Tech, | W,W |
| Chesterton | (tie) |
| Crown Point | W |
| Little "5" | 3rd |
| Chesterton Relays | 5th (tie) |
| Calumet, Andrean | L,L |
| Griffith Relays | 5th (tie) |



Over easy is the technique junior Chris Garcia attempts to make it over the high bar at Calumet for Sectionals. Chris was successful in the high jumping event during the 1979 track season.



Stickmen take first in LS Conference

Beisbol been very very good to us. After finishing with a season record of 18-9 and a conference record of 9-3, the stickmen succeeded in taking first in the Lake Suburban Conference.

Junior Eric Van Gorp lead in hitting with a .431 batting average. The Panther team boasted a batting average of .291 and a fielding average of .941.

Other individual efforts were made by senior Scott Gabrys who lead the team in RBI's with 26, and senior Craig Buzea who lead the team in stolen bases with 16. Craig also lead the team in hits with 31. Junior George Mills lead the Panthes in scoring, touching home 22 times.

Individual awards went to senior Craig Buzea for Best Mental Attitude and Most Valuable Player. Senior Keith Eichensehr was awarded Most Improved Player. Top Offensive Player, Top Defensive Player, and Top Pitcher awards went to senior Scott Gabrys, senior Dan Kijurna, and junior Eric Van Gorp, respectively.

Weather pulling together as a team or striving for individual success, the stickmen earned victory. And how sweet it is.

Concentration, a good stance, and a little luck might have been the ingredients junior George Mills used to help earn his varsity letter and later become voted one of the tri-captains for the 1980 season.



Baseball

1979 Varsity Baseball

| | GHS |
|------------------|-----|
| Opp | L |
| LaPorte | L |
| Penn | W |
| T. F. North | L |
| Calumet | L |
| Lew Wallace | L |
| Lowell | W |
| Merriville | L |
| E. C. Roosevelt | W |
| Chesterton | L |
| Crown Point | W |
| Highland | W |
| Munster | W |
| T. F. South | W |
| Lowell | W |
| Lake Central | L |
| Crown Point | W |
| Highland | W |
| Calumet | W |
| Lake Central | W |
| Munster | L |
| Hammond Clark | W |
| Hammond Morton | W |
| E. C. Washington | W |
| Gary West | W |



1979 Baseball-Back row: Coach Jim Anderson, Rodger Blythe, Keith Eichensehr, Dan Pustek, Dan Kijurna, Joe Maglish, Scott Gabrys, captain. **Second row:** Dave Glasford, Eric Van Gorp, Mike

Kuss, Bryan Borns, Dan Darison, Craig Buzea, Kevin Stassin. **Third row:** George Mills, Dave Toth, Craig Ford, captain, Craig Lee, Dave Kijurna, Roger Hardin, manager.



With one more step senior Keith Elchensehr will have completed one of two home runs of the season. Keith brought in two base runners with this hit against Munster and earned the Most Improved Player award.

Dust flies everywhere as senior Craig Buzea dives into second base, while a Highland player awaits the throw. Griffith skill and team spirit urged them on to defeat the Trojans in a conference game, 4-1



Over the plate. Junior Eric Van Gorp hurls toward a perfect pitching record in conference. At the end of his second year on the varsity baseball team, Eric was presented with the Top Pitcher award.

Conference games, especially when they are the last one of the season seem to bring out a variety of emotions in the players. Senior Mike Kuss is no exception as he awaits his turn at bat.



Silent netters 'Did pretty well'

The cheerleaders scream, the fans roar, and the pep band blasts out another tune as the football and basketball teams gain the attention and admiration of a majority of the student body.

Tennis

Meanwhile, away from the deafening noise of the stands, can be heard sounds almost inaudible in comparison as tennis balls blink off rackets and tennis shoes squeak into position.

Though less recognized among the student body, the tennis team continues to grow in importance and skill.

"It was the best this school has ever seen," Coach Gary Dixon said about the girls tennis team. "We finished 8-4."

"We did real well," said freshman Jackie Sanato, "Competition within the team kept us driving."

"We had a lot of support from the underclassmen," junior Lynn Fiegle added. "They added the depth we really needed for a well-rounded team."

The most Valuable Player was senior Barb Thomas. Senior Anita Spitz received the plaque award. Sophomore Ellen Hass had the highest percentage.

The other side of the coin, or racquet, is the boys' tennis team. "The boys' tennis team was the best we've seen in a number of years," Coach Dixon stated. "We finished 8-6 for the season."

First seeded sophomore Duane Lindell was the Most Valuable Player and junior Anthony Joseph earned the best percentage and the plaque award.

"We had a young team," said freshman Tom Palinca. "We did better than expected."

Junior Anthony Joseph made GHS history by becoming the first Panther ever to win a conference singles position.

Coach Dixon concluded by saying, "All in all, we did pretty well."

1979 BOYS TENNIS

| | Opp |
|-----------------|-----|
| GHS | L |
| Bishop Noll | W |
| Hanover Central | L |
| Lake Central | L |
| Munster | L |
| Hammond Gavit | W |
| Calumet | W |
| Lowell | W |
| Highland | L |
| Portage | L |
| Crown Point | L |
| Gary Wirt | W |
| Gary West | W |
| Whiting | W |
| E.C. Washington | W |

1979 Girls Tennis

| | Opp. |
|-----------------|------|
| GHS | W |
| Merrillville | W |
| Munster | L |
| Valparaiso | L |
| Crown Point | L |
| Lowell | W |
| Calumet | W |
| E.C. Washington | W |
| Hammond Clark | W |
| Highland | L |
| Lake Central | W |
| Portage | W |
| Sectionals | 3rd |

With eyes closed and muscles tensed, junior Eric Foster haphazardly swings in the air trying to make a safe return of the ball. Eric has been at member of the team since his freshman year.





With just the right hit from the racket senior Barb Thomas shows the precise steps and swing she needs to return the ball to her opponent. Barb's skills in tennis earned her a scholarship.

With his muscles tense and keeping an eye on the ball senior Bob Nichols produces the same form that earned him a position on the Varsity Tennis Team for the past three seasons.



1979 Boys Tennis - Back row: Mike Morason, Bob Nichols, Rich Madrigal, Eric Foster, Chris Korzenlewski, Anthony Joseph, Coach Gary Dixon. **Front row:** Donny Cheever, Rich Wright, Tom Palinca, Duane Lindell, Vince Portlock.

JV sports give experience, enjoyment-but no crepe paper

"You gotta be a football hero . . ."
Perhaps the words to this familiar song should be changed to "You gotta be a VARSITY football hero . . ."

To those who participate in high school sports, the word varsity symbolizes a letter jacket, a decorated locker, a name in the local newspaper, and a big crowd watching the game.

To some, junior varsity means getting up early on Saturday mornings to play in front of a handful of parents, lots of hard practice (often just as much as the varsity teams,) and a minor letter. There aren't any posters hanging in the halls to wish junior varsity players "Good Luck." When they stop by

their lockers in the morning the day of games. They find no crepe paper adorning the outside and no food on the inside.

They seldom hear speeches made about them when the athletic banquet comes, and it is very seldom that a junior varsity player gets his name in the headline of a local player. So why do they participate?

"I didn't start playing football so I could get my locker decorated, I started playing because I like the sport," junior D. [redacted] p said.

"No matter if you're on varsity or JV, if you're a girl, you never get your locker done, so I guess most of us play for experience and to say we're part

of a team. It's nice to work for something no matter what recognition you get," said sophomore Vicki Garcia, who played volleyball and basketball.

"I like playing junior varsity sports because they are a step up from junior high sports. The competition level is higher, and there is a greater challenge," sophomore Chris Cioroianu, who played JV football, said.

Regardless of the reasons they played, those who participated in JV feel it had its benefits.

"The post-game activities following the JV games were the best times I ever had. Playing JV gave me good experience for varsity," senior Ken Lenz said.



Whether it's a half-nelson or a headlock, freshman Tom Kosior will try any hold in order to pin his opponent. His improved skills allowed him to transfer from the JV to the varsity team.



Sweet victory. Sophomore Dane Creviston knew the feeling after scoring 34 points in a 65-63 double overtime win over rival Highland. Dane was the game's leading scorer.



With a last minute attempt sophomore JoAnne Kregel gives all her effort to try to return the ball to the opponent. This was JoAnne's second year as a JV volleyball player.



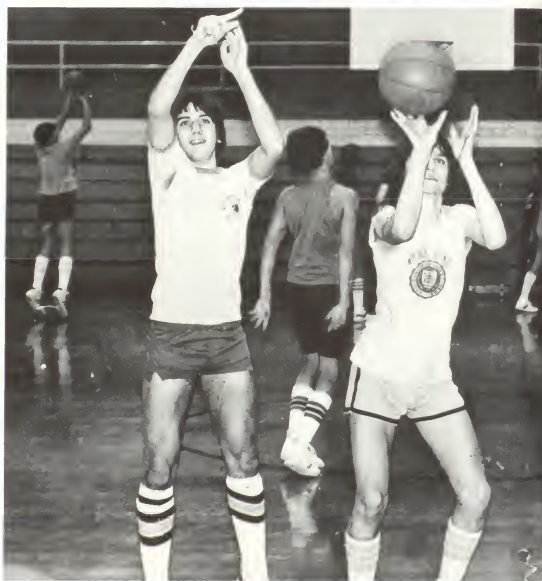
A passing attempt by sophomore Denise Hedge as she tries to keep her opponents from gaining possession of the ball. Denise has played basketball for the past two years.

With full force, sophomore Chuck Holsclaw attempts to gain an extra point for his team. Meanwhile junior Ray Smejek is ready just in case a little help is needed to get the ball over the net.

Intent on building up his muscles, freshman Ken Kisfalusi concentrates on pulling as much weight as possible. The weight room plays an important role in the life of every wrestler.



Basketball, a game of shooting and blocking. Junior Jeff Schuttrow makes an attempt to block junior Bill Corle's try for two as senior Bob Adler looks on in hopeful vigil.



Do your own thing, be your own person; individual sports give people a chance

Individual sports give students a chance to be themselves, to do their own thing. If a student chooses not to join a high school team, he isn't forced to spend his evenings at home. Instead there are intramural programs, as well as clubs, where students can take part in their favorite sport, without having to suffer through tough nightly practices.

Boys intramural basketball as well as church organizations have given new pastimes for non-team members. The boys divide themselves into squads that play against each other.

A new racquetball club opened in Highland that features several courts and an area for members to lift weights.

Many of the individual sports can only be enjoyed to their fullest in the summer. Hiking is a good example.

"I hike a lot during the summer, but when winter comes it's too cold and school starts," sophomore Cathy Adams said. Biking is another summer sport that students can enjoy on their own, especially those who are unable to drive.

"We rode our bikes a lot in the summer," sophomore Vicki Garcia stated. "We rode to Cedar Lake and back once."

Jogging is an anytime sport. Several students as well as faculty members jog not only for fun but to keep in shape. It isn't surprising to see people after



"One, and two, and three, and . . ." Junior Ron Jacobs works out on the leg lift machine, building up his muscles. For some, gym class provides an hour of escape from the everyday class routine.

Mud flying and tires spinning, these dirt bike racers enjoy the excitement of this sport. Some students find pleasure in spending their free time racing and practicing.

Volleyball can be a team sport as well as an individual sport. Senior Eric Van Gorp watches as sophomore Brian Baird makes an extra effort in an attempt to gain another point.



"Shooting for two." Non-team members enjoy spending weeknights with a few friends at intramurals. Here, the boys can enjoy a good game of basketball minus the hard practices.



With the opening of the new racquetball court in Highland, several students from Griffith, such as junior Ron Urevig, find a new pastime. Racquetball offered a good chance for exercise.



No crowds for individual athletes

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after school pumping out miles through the halls. When the snow melted, sidewalks could once again be put to use for jogging.

Thanks to the high school pool, swimming, which would usually be limited to summer weather, could be enjoyed even when the mercury dropped below freezing. Free Swim and Family Free Swim were offered weeknights throughout the school year. During the warmer months, many headed to Indiana Dunes to cool off in Lake Michigan while others enjoyed the privacy of a backyard pool. Some took advantage of the Carriage Club pool, which opened to the public last summer.

Roller skating swept the country and likewise Griffith, Indiana. Students were often found skating at the Rink in Merrillville. Although some looked apprehensive while lacing up their skates for the first time since grade school days, others found skating no more difficult than walking. Some students liked the idea of meeting people from neighboring towns.

An unusually high number of students found themselves receiving racquetball racquets for Christmas and birthday presents, which came in handy considering the new racquetball club, Sports Illustrated, opened in Highland last fall. It featured several courts, as well as areas for lifting weights and working out.

Several students took to motocross as a spare time hobby that can be considered an individual sport. Sophomores Jim Moranski and Steve Gabrys were two daring riders. Although they didn't draw the crowds that members of the football team did, they fulfilled individual needs and to them that was all that is important. It saves students a chance to be themselves, and to match their skills to their sport.



Her eyes fixed directly on the pins with body in perfect form sophomore Sharon Poi tries to create a strike throw to help raise her score and enable a victory.

1979 Golf

| | Opp. |
|----------------|------|
| GHS | W |
| Gary Roosevelt | W |
| Hammond Clark | L |
| Lowell | W |
| Highland | W |
| Hammond Morton | L |
| Hanover | L |
| Andrean | L |
| Crown Point | W |
| Hammond Morton | L |
| Lake Central | L |
| Munster | L |
| Lowell | W |
| Highland | W |
| Calumet | L |
| Crown Point | L |
| Andrean | W |
| Lake Central | W |
| Calumet | L |
| Munster | L |



With an intense look of determination on his face, junior Don Plohg checks his stance as he readies to putt ball. Don has been on the varsity team since his freshman year.





Bowling Club 1979- Back row: David Marshall, Keith Mitchell, Tammy Christenson, Jean Eaton, Andi Wright, Donna Comer, Diana Sock, Linda Grandys, Darnon Hadjich. **Fourth row:** Ken Farkas, Chris Polgar, Shari Lewis, Sharon Poi, Tammy Anzur, Tony Anzur, Steve Whitehead. **Third row:** Rob Marvel, Jeff Johnson, Cindy Hardin, Angela Mullert, Rhonda Hummbar, Debbie Wydrinski, Sponsor Mr. Lee Baldwin. **Second row:** Nicolette Barret, Annette Mayernik, Janet Mirda, Mary Jo Mayernik, Patty Jacobs. **Front row:** Mike Kilinski, Jamie Gifford, Scott Carpenter, Tony Stinnett.

Before the pins, can topple, the ball must be released. Junior Dave Marshall hopes for a strike as he aims for the head pin. Bowlers scores are kept on record by officers.

Third in sectionals . . . 'par for the course'

Like the doctor who takes time off from work to get in his 18 holes, members of the golf team found the time to brush up their game, too.

The golf team finished the season with a record of 9-10, receiving third in Sectionals and twelfth in Regionals.

Junior Don Plouhg finished the season with a 4.6 strokes over par. Don also finished fourth in All-Conference.

Junior Ron Pirau lead the team in honors. Ron had the best team average, 3.3 strokes over par for the season. He received second in All-Conference, and was a sectional medalist and a qualifying

medalist in Regionals. In addition, he finished first in his age group in Semi-State and received a trophy for medalist of the year.

Every Wednesday the Bowling Club meets to have fun and to release frustration.

The club bowls for fun, competing against each other. Officers are elected early in the year to keep track of money, and averages of teams and players. They also plan for the annual banquet.

Evidently golf and bowling are no longer simply recreation for the working class. They are serious sports for students athletes.

Teacher features

Reminders of an Indian heritage

To senior high school secretary from Indian Education secretary. This may seem like an uncommon move, but for Mrs. Jeanne Medsker, it's natural.

Mrs. Medsker is one fourth Santee Sioux. As a resident of South Dakota she was a secretary for Indian Education.

"I really enjoyed Indian Education because I was working with my own people," she commented, with a distant look in her eyes.

Mrs. Medsker came to Indiana to marry. Her home is in Merrillville, surrounded by prairie and open field which serves as a constant reminder of her homeland.

Since coming to GHS in 1977 after being told of a job opening, she is still here.

"I love working in schools and everyone was so nice to me when I first came here. They still are!" Mrs. Medsker added.

She works as a secretary for Mr. Cox, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Bartlett and fits in very well with the staff.

Mrs. Medsker also gets along fantastically with students.

"I get along super with kids, even the ones they say are bad. I always give them the benefit of the doubt. Sometimes when I look at the student I think all he needs is a nice big hug."

"I came here with no friends. Now most of my friends are here in school," Mrs. Medsker concluded.





Flying Fiscus: the 'man in the AV'

The only time students see Mr. Arthur Fiscus is in the dark corners of the Audio-Visual room. What most people do not know is he has some very interesting hobbies.

Mr. Fiscus used to be a math and physics teacher here at Griffith. The fact that he was interested in photography led him to the AV Dept. He has been there since 1966.

He has ridden five long trips on a motorcycle, including a 4,000-mile trip to Nova Scotia. He now owns a Harley '74

Although he doesn't own a private plane, he has a major interest in flying.

He first got interested in flying after World War II thru a friend who was a fighter pilot. That

friend later became an instructor. Evidently, friends have influence. During the 600 times up in 32 years he has flown different places for Saturday morning breakfasts, visited friends in Iowa for Christmas, shot aerial pictures for the school board, and experienced pretty tight situations.

Mr. Fiscus may be the photographer, the fisherman, the pilot and motorcycle rider, but he is still the "man in the AV" to us.

Teacher features



Larry Owen - a 'they' who works for us

"I feel this town needs some good people who want to help better it. "I'd like to see two parks built, one north of Ridge Road and one west of town. I would also like to have Colfax widened and repaved, and ban trucks on Broad Street because of school children having to cross that street," he added.

"I hope to run again after my term expires, but I have no intentions of furthering my career in politics," Mr. Owen concluded.

"They oughta' do something about the streets in this town!"

"They should build more parks!"

Citizens often complain that "they" don't do enough. But who are "they?" One of "they" is Mr. Larry Owen, sophomore history teacher.

In January of 1980 Mr. Owen took office as Griffith's Town Trustee. His job is coordinating town business, taking care of streets, sewers, and parks and recreation and finances.

"At the beginning of 1979 I decided to run on the Democratic slate for Town Trustee. I went door to door talking to people for my campaign. I really feel good about being elected to this office." Mr. Owen stated.

Get ready, set, go, she's a dynamo

"Ready, set, go!" The object of the game today is to learn about cell respiration," she says while passing out study guides. "You have two minutes to read the first three paragraphs and the then we will continue. Go!"

Any biology student who had Mrs. Sandra Beahm recognizes the instructions. She packs the Ful-class time hour with note taking, picture drawing and lab working. As the contents of each day change, the enthusiasm remains the same. When it comes to endoplasmic reticulum and golgi bodies Mrs. Beahm is a dynamo of tireless energy and endless knowledge.

When 2:55 arrives, Mrs. Beahm's school day doesn't end. For the five hours of teaching, she spends two to three hours preparing the lessons in advance. She must revise previous material, develop new material, line up a variety of AV materials, and help absentees catch up.

Mrs. Beahm keeps her students jumping, so when the bell rings they had better prepare to ready, set, go.

Portrait of Flo: a CUSTODIAN

"Don't call us janitors," Mrs. Florence Schillo, an employee of Griffith High warned. "We'd rather be called custodians."

Standing no taller than five feet three inches, she had to stretch, while standing tip-toe, to wash the top of the chalk boards.

"I wash some chalk boards, empty some garbage pails. Nothing ever changes. It's the same thing every day."

"Some days, such as homecoming, are terrible, just a mess! They decorate the halls, like for the football games, and soon you've got streamers and busted balloons all over the place," Mrs. Schillo stated. "It's really a shame when you've got the girls working so hard blowing up balloons and making everything look nice. Then some dumb kids rip it all apart before anyone sees it!"

"I don't understand teenagers today. I recently found a bottle of bourbon in the girls washroom. Cigarettes and other ashes appear more often. It's a shame to see kids wasted like that," Mrs. Schillo said. "The world couldn't be so bad that you have to be on a constant high."

Why does Mrs. Schillo keep this job?

"I've been working here for three years. I often think of quitting; then I remember my bills. Outside of work, I go shopping, go housework, don't watch much TV. My life's pretty boring. Nothing that could be written about."

Don't bet on that, Mrs. Schillo.



School never ends; teachers keep going

The fifties never had it so good . . . Miss Klink a geometry teacher was just one of the teachers who decided to dress up during spirit week and try and boost Panther morale during homecoming week.



Pomp and Circumstance plays and graduates receive diplomas. High school is finally over. Some go on to face employment; for some, however, other school is just beginning.

After four years of additional schooling (college, in layman's terms) a select group of people come into the world ready to be teachers. That means close to a lifetime of classroom devotion. Are those people crazy? Sometimes they wonder themselves.

Teaching is not a regular nine-to-five job. It requires planning classroom procedures ahead of time, standing up in front of 30 blank faces, and staying up all hours of the night grading papers, quizzes, and tests. (Yes, even teachers have homework.)

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Mr. James R. Donnelly, pres. and **Mr. Richard C. Anderson**, vice-pres. of the **School Board**, try to create school policies that benefit teachers and students. **Mr. Milford P. Christenson**, a School Board treasurer, worked to better the school system. **Miss Kathy Allen** coached girls track, taught human issues and chemistry 1-2.



Miss Nancy Ashton taught art appreciation and drawing and painting. Besides sponsoring the Bowling Club and Honor Society, **Mr. Lee Baldwin** taught government and economics. **Mr. Jim Bartlett** served as the athletic director. **Mrs. Sandra Beahm** taught the biology 1-2 classes.



Mr. Howard Besch, Science Department chairman, taught chemistry 1-2 and physics along with being the Student Council sponsor. **Mr. Bill Birk** was a senior class sponsor. **Mr. Frank Burke**, department chairman, instructed physical education and industrial arts in addition to being the boys track coach.





Mrs. Ruth Carmichael taught both biology 1-2 and biology 3-4 classes. **Mrs. Margaret Clark** taught english. **Miss Pat Clark** instructed journalism, and sponsored the Reflector, Panther Press, News Bureau, and Oull and Scroll. **Mrs. Carol Collet** was a library assistant.



Mr. Sam Cox was the high school principal. **Mr. Noel Cross** helped direct the band. **Miss Margaret Croxton** taught all the foods classes. **Mr. Carl Dalton**, Social Studies Dept. chairman, taught psychology and sociology classes.



Mr. Susan Dennis taught health classes. **Mr. Ron Divjak** taught gym classes. **Mrs. Mary Earp** helped out as the school nurse. **Mrs. Susie ElNaggar** instructed both algebra and geometry classes.



Mrs. Judith Ericksen taught English mini-courses. **Mr. Arthur Ficus** served as audio-visual director. **Miss Linda Fryer** taught physical education. **Mr. Bob Galbert** taught history mini-courses as well as coaching junior varsity basketball.



Mr. James Garretson aided as the Guidance Department head. **Mr. Joseph Glassford** taught power mechanics. **Mr. Charles Harkin**, English Department chairman, taught various english classes. **Mr. Robert Hastings** instructed history mini-courses.



Miss Rebecca Hawk taught clothing and interior design classes. **Mrs. Lynn Heller** served as a guidance counselor. **Mrs. Betty Holmgren** taught shorthand and secretarial practice classes. **Mrs. Janet Howell** served as a guidance counselor.



Mrs. Margie Keithley served as chairman of the Home Economics Department and taught clothing 1 and 2 classes as well as prep classes. **Miss Robin Klink** taught math classes. **Mrs. Janet Konopasek** was a high school office secretary.

Department chairman, **Mr. Dick Koval**, taught business law and accounting classes. Sponsoring the Senior Class and teaching history classes was **Mrs. Susanne Lemfalus**'s job. **Mrs. Lori Lapman** taught the Spanish courses and **Mrs. Claire Lazar** served as an audio-visual secretary.



Mr. Dan Leslie instructed woodshop. **Mr. James Mason** served as chairman of the math dept. and taught calculus, trig. and consumer math. **Miss Sharon McClean** instructed English courses. **Mr. George McClure** taught machine shop and instructed driver education classes.



Miss Terry McMillian assisted as a custodian. **Mrs. Margaret McNabney** taught typing and business classes. **Mrs. Jeanne Medsker** served as an office secretary. **Mr. Ken Miller** instructed Distributive Education and sponsored DECA and the Junior Class.



Mr. Herb Noonan coached the cross country team while teaching gym classes. **Mr. Charles O'Rourke** taught English classes, along with being a Sophomore Class sponsor. **Mrs. Jaci Oxemann** taught biology and human issues. **Mr. Larry Owen** taught history mini-courses.



Devoted teachers possess endurance

Some teachers never get enough. They sponsor clubs, organizations, and coach athletic teams. These activities eat up even more spare time.

When 3 p.m. arrives, students quickly empty the halls. Some teachers are still in their rooms, helping out students with an extra hard Algebra problem or a late Biology lab. Even though they don't get paid for the overtime hours they put in,

they are still willing to stay late and help students in need.

A successful teachers not only needs a college education and a teaching license, but a lot of patience, endurance, and extra amount of love for kids. •

Why would anyone want a job like this? The response from teachers is that they enjoy being with kids, and helping them out as much as possible.

Hats are usually taken off in the classroom but for economics teacher **Mr. Bill Birk**, it is a way to give the seniors an extra point. Many teachers helped the students during Homecoming week.





Back Row: Mary Ann Clark, Adlyn Stedman, Jenny Skoczen, Jean Williams, Mary Eick, Arlene Bradley, Jackie Price, LaVerna Scharlaub, Martha Johnson, Lois Carpenter, **Front Row:** Marian Koleski, Betty Santay (asst. manager), Jane Pigg (manager), Emily Willerman, Lee Newberry.



Typing and clerical procedures were taught by **Mrs. Kyra Perry**. Serving as basketball coach and math teacher was **Mr. Bill Platt**. **Mr. Wayne Price** taught typing along with coaching the golf team. **Miss Chis Przondo** directed the choir besides sponsoring the Junior Class.



Mr. Donald Ray taught government and also helped score basketball and football games. **Mr. Charles Ricks** taught art class and coached the golf team. **Mrs. Patricia Sanders** was a secretary for the guidance department. **Mr. Thomas Schatzman** served as director of pupil personnel and was a Sophomore Class sponsor.



Mr. Daniel Schroeder served as I.A. Dept. chairman, taught drafting classes and driver education. **Mr. David Smith**, assistant principal, handled student relations and discipline. **Mr. Robert Sohn** directed the band. **Mr. Gerald Spejewski** taught English classes besides directing drama.



Mr. Stephen Stanczak instructed history classes. **Mrs. Marianne Strowzewski** taught English classes. **Mrs. Peggy Stuart** taught math courses. **Mr. Les Thornton** instructed history classes, along with coaching the football team.



Mrs. Lawrence Trobridge served as a librarian. **Mrs. Julie Turner** served as a secretary in the office. **Miss Betty Weber** taught senior and junior high French courses. **Mr. Robert Witt** instructed arts and crafts along with ceramics.

Senior Executive Council-Back row: Laura Du-Vall, Kathi Stassin, Jeanine Stettin, Carol Wagman.
Fourth row: John Moranski, Kathy Augerstine, Gloria Govert, Dave Kapitan, Bridget Wykel, Joanne Verhulst, **Second row:** Alison Owczarzak, Geri Burge, Diane Strayer, Barb Mann, Amy Baxter.
Front row: Vicki Krupinski, pres., Debbie Sexton, vice pres., Diane Konopasek, sec'y., Nancy Miller, treas.



Seniors shed immaturity, face the world

Responsibility. It's a word very few students are forced to encounter, at least throughout the high school years.

But for seniors, the first day of the school year brings startling realizations. In less than one year, a senior will be leavin the security of Griffith High for the uncertain future.

One realizes, the day before school starts, that he or she will soon be an

adult, feigning for oneself in the world of labor, or carrying one's education on to the college level.

One realizes that the time has come to shed the immaturity that may have survives throughout the high school years. It is time to take life seriously.

Throughout the school year, a senior realizes that the activities and friends that he has grown accustomed to will be

given up as everyone goes their separate ways. Pantherettes cry on the field during the Homecoming game as members of the Booster Club cry in each other's arms. Bonds that have been formed over the years between friends must soon be broken.

But at the end of the year, the senior has grown more confident and mature, ready to accept what the changing world has to offer.

Ellen Ann Adams-Gymnastics 2; Booster Club 2-4; Letterman's Club 2-4; **Robert J. Adler**, **Jeffrey B. Alexovich**-Quill and Scroll 3,4; Panther Press 2-4; News Bureau 2,3; Reflector 4; **John Douglas Amos**, **Denise R. Anderson**.



Claire Ashcraft, **Regina Renee Atkinson**-Booster Club 2; Executive Council 2,3; Student Council 3. **Kathy Augerstine**-Honor Society 4. **Harry Baginski**-Bowling Club 3; Swimming 2. **Slavka Balac**.



Tyilla Baldner, **Susan Marie Baran**-Booster Club 2; Pantherettes 3. **Suzanne Marie Baranik**-Track 3; Booster Club 2; Cheerleader 2; Letterman's Club 2; Student Council 3. **Amy Louise Baxter**-Booster Club 2-4; Concert Choir 3,4; Girls Chorus 2; Chorale 4; Executive Council 4; Quill and Scroll 3,4; Student Council 4; Y-teens 2; Reflector 2; Panther Press 4; Photographer 3. **Beth Ann Belush**.



Sheri Berkos, **Gordan Leigh Blanchard**, **Patricia Helen Bodamer**-Tennis 2; Booster Club 2; Letterman's Club 2. **Beverly Sue Bolla**-Band 2-4. **Donna May Born**.





Bryan Borns, L. Robert Bolkin, George Edward Bowman II, Jeff L. Bowman, Michael Alan Bowman-Quill and Scott 4; Reflector 2; Panther Press 2-4; Boys State Alternate.



Chet Michael Bozetarnik, Joel Francis Bratcher-Football 2; Baseball 2; Concert Choir 2-4; Choral 3, 4; Lettermen's Club 2-4. Keith Bryan Browning, Nancy Bulkema, Janice Lynne Bulla-Track 2; DECA 3, 4; Mat maids.



Geraldine Ann Burge-Track 3; Swimming 3, 4; cap't 4; Gymnastics 2; Booster Club 2-4; Cheerleader 2-4; cap't 4; Executive Council 2-4; Pres. 2; Honor Society 2-4; Student Council 2-4; Class pres. 2; Prom queen. Homecoming queen candidate; Daphne Burrias, Kevin Campbell, Kim Elizabeth Cannon-Booster Club 2-4. Cheryl Lynn Carpenter-Booster Club 2, 3; DECA 3.



Bill Carroll, Carol Castel, Dawn Carrie Castile, Gail Collins, Donna Jean Comer-Band 2-4; cap't 4; Concert Choir 2, 3; Girls Ensemble 2, 3; Bowling Club 2-4; Y-Teens 2; Honor Society 4.



Rick Cornejo, Tammy Lorraine Cowser, Randall Wayne Craft, Daniel Miree, Danon-Basketball 2, 4; Football 3, 4; Baseball 2-4; cap't 4; Lettermen's Club 3, 4; sec'y 4; Prom king candidate. Lori Ann Dec.



Jeff Deets, Carolyn Dell, Joe J. Demeter, Steve S. DeSanilago-Football 2, 3; Wrestling 2-4; cap't 4; Honor Society 3, 4; Lettermen's Club 3, 4; Robin Dittrich.



Laura Lynn DuVall-Booster Club 2-4; Concert Choir 4; Girls Choir 3; Choral 4; Executive Council 4; Pantherettes 3, 4; Pantherette workshop 3, 4. Linda Kay Dye-Booster Club 2-4; v-pres. 3; pres. 4; Executive Council 2, 4; Student Council 2, 3; Reflector 3; Panther Press 2. Bobbie L. Dzurowcak, Laura Jean Eaton-Student Council 4; Bowling Club 3, 4. Jerry L. Engyel-Panther Press 2, 3.



Michael Thomas Farrell-DECA 3. Donna Fech, Lynn Marie Fiegle-Tennis 2, 4; Band 2-4; Booster Club 2-4; Dramatics 2-4; Executive Council 2, 3; Honor Society 2-4; Quill and Scroll 3; Student Council 2-4; sec'y 3; Drum Major 3, 4; Reflector 2, 3; Band workshop 2; Journalism workshop 3; Girls State Alternate. Randy L. Fields-Football 2, 3; Concert Choir 2-4. Shelley R. Fisher.

Tim heads west for wide open country

Hearing only the roar from their motorcycles, Tim and Ken wind down the highway that will take them to Colorado.

Frustrated with the average summer vacation of going to the ball parks and hanging out or cruising around the region, senior Tim Kennedy and Ken Bowman, a senior from Ohio, decided to travel around the country.

After convincing his parents he would be alright, Tim put his bike in the best shape possible and collected everything necessary, leaving some luxuries behind. Their excursion began on a Wednesday morning and went on for two weeks, camping out every night (minus three nights while visiting Ken's relatives in Rapid City, South Dakota.)

While touring Tim and Ken spent a day sight seeing in the Rocky Mountains National Park and met up with other bikers and vacationers.

"The best things about going were meeting some very nice people, traveling on my bike, and seeing the mountains unfold before my eyes.", Tim remarked.



Tim Joseph Fitzsimons. John Ronald Frailey. Rebecca Lynn Fraiter-Band 2-4; Booster Club 2. Darryl Lee Fullgraf. Denise Lynn Fullgraf-Booster Club 2,3; Girls Choir 2; DECA 3,4.



Floyd Gacey. Chris Garcia. Shelby Dawn Gebert-Booster Club 2-4; Sweetgirl 2,4; Honor Society 3,4. Jerry E. Gerber. Jamie Lynn Gifford-Girls Choir 2; Concert Choir 3,4; Girls Ensemble 2,4; Bowling Club 2-4; sec'y 4; Y-Teens.



David Glasstford-Football 3,4. **Brenda Kay Good-**DECA 3,4; sec'y 4; Booster Club 2; Prom queen candidate. **Gloria Jean Govert**-Executive Council 4; Honor Society 3,4; Lettermen's Club 3,4; Student Council 4; Panther Press 2-4. **Ken G. Gragido.** Mary Catherine Green-Booster Club 4; Concert Choir 3,4; Girls Choir 2; Girls Ensemble 2-4; Dramatics 3,4.





Valerio Kao Green-Booster Club 2; Executive Council 2,3; Student Council 2,3; Panther Press 2,3.
Kathy Griffith-DECA 3,4. **Robert Matthias Hefner**-Track 3,4; Cross Country 3,4; Swimming 2-4; Band 2-4; Lettermen's Club 4; Honor Society 4.
David William Hart-Concert Choir 2,3; DECA 3,4.
Alan Lee Hayes.



Lenette K. Hedges-Girls Choir 2; Gymnastics 2; Pantherettes 3,4. **Vikki Renee Hill**. **Scott A. Hinchey**-Wrestling 2-4; Lettermen's Club 2-4; Homecoming King candidate. **Larry Wayne Hinchsen**-DECA 4. **Brian A. Hobbs**.



Darlene Hochstetler. **Lori Hoffman**. **Chuck E. Holsclaw**. **David G. Holsclaw**. **Bradley Richard Houldieson**-Student Council 4; Panther Press 3,4; News Bureau 3. Journalism workshop 3,4.



Kelle A. Huber-Track 2; Band 2-4; Band workshop 2-4. **Rhonda Mary Humbert**-Band 2-4; Bowling Club 2-4. **Ken L. Hyde**-Football 2-4; Wrestling 2-4; Lettermen's Club 2-4; Homecoming King candidate.
Patty Ann Jennings-Track 2; Booster Club 2.
Amy Johnson.



Beth Johnson. **Billy Garrett Jones**. **Barbara Jovanovich**-Booster Club 2-4; Pantherettes 2-4; pres. 4. **Mary Elizabeth Kellenberg**-Tennis 2-4; Booster Club 2-4; Lettermen's Club 3,4; Bowling Club 2,3. **David G. Kapitan**-Football 2-4; Track 2,3; Executive Council 4; 4; Lettermen's Club 4; Student Council 3,4.



Sandra Dee Kellner-Booster Club 2,3; Cheerleader 3; Lettermen's Club 3; Honor Society 4. **Elizabeth Paulette Kelly**-Booster Club 2-4; Concert Choir 3,4; Girls Choir 2; Chorale 3,4; Executive Council 2,3; Honor Society 4; Student Council 4; Panther Press 2; Pantherettes 2-4; Trackettes; Mat maids. **Timothy G. Kennedy**-Wrestling 3,4; Lettermen's Club 3,4. **Dave Steven Kijuna**-Basketball 2,4; Football 4; Baseball 2-4; Lettermen's Club 3,4; Homecoming King. **George Ronald Kisfalusi**-Wrestling 2-4; Bowling Club 2; Lettermen's Club 4.



Michael A. Koepf. **Diane Terese Konopasek**-Volleyball 2-4; Booster Club 2-4; Executive Council 2,4; sec'y 4; treas. 2; Student Council 2; Prom Queen Candidate. **Patricia Marie Kosior**-Booster Club 2,3; Dramatics 2-4; Executive Council 2,3; Quill and Scroll 3. Student Council 2-4; Reflector 2,3. **Anastasia Becka Kounelis**-Booster Club 2-4; Girls Choir 2,4; pres. 4. Y-teens 2; Trackettes. **Sandra Lynn Kratoil**-Volleyball 2; Booster Club 2-4; DECA 3,4.



Vicki Ann Krupinski-Booster Club 2-4; Sweater-girl 3,4; Executive Council 3,4; treas. 3; pres. 4; Quill and Scroll 4; Student Council 2,3; Panther Press 2-4; Editor 4; class pres. 4; treas. 3; Journalism workshop 3,4. **Stephen Kubacki**. **Maureen Anne Kusa**-Band 2-4; Booster Club 2-4; Pantherettes 3,4; Pantherette workshop 3,4. **Kurt Alexander Lator**-Track 2; Cross Country 2. **Jerry O. Lettler**-Band 2.

Kenneth Allen Lenz-Basketball 2; Football 2-4 Track 3; Baseball 2; Lettermen's Club 4; Prom King Candidate. **Julie Leslie**, **Laura Lyn Letts**-Track 2,3; Booster Club 2. **Diane Marie Lindauer**-Booster Club 2-4; Cheerleader 3,4; cap 1 4; Reflector 3 Cheerleading workshop 3,4. **Russell E. Long**.



Nancy J. Loomis-Band 2-4. **Beth Eileen Lukmann**-Concert Choir 2-4; Chorale 3,4; Dramatics 3. **Vita E. Luque**-Booster Club 2-4. **Theresa Luszcz** **Lloyd D. McColley**.



Kathleen Ann McElfresh-Booster Club 2,3; Concert Choir 3; Girls Choir 2; Girls Ensemble 2; DECA 3,4; Executive Council 2,3; Reflector 3. **Kathleen A. Magiera**, **Joseph Aaron Maglish**-Football 2-4; Baseball 2-4; Lettermen's Club 2-4. **Mary Lorraine Matlick**-Booster Club 2. **Jim G. Mang**-Swimming 2-4; Lettermen's Club 2-4.



Barbara Jean Mann-Girls Basketball 2-4; Track 2-4; cap 1 4; Volleyball 2-4; Band 2; Booster Club 2-4; Executive Council 3,4; Honor Society 3,4; Student Council 2; Lettermen's Club 2-4. **Tom Mantis**, **William C. Martin**-Basketball 2; Football 4; Lettermen's Club 4. **Sherry Lynn Matthews**-Gymnastics 3,4; Booster Club 2; Girls Choir 2; Lettermen's Club 3,4; Twirlers 2-4; Reflector 2. **Annette Marie Mayernik**-DECA 3,4; Bowling Club 4.



Norman Fredrick Meier, **Karen Jean Meny**-Booster Club 2-4; Gymnastics 3,4; Lettermen's Club 4; Student Council 3,4. **Sherry Lynn Mercer**-Booster Club 2,3; Girls Choir 2; DECA 3,4; Bowling Club 2,4. **Julie Lynn Melick**-Booster Club 2; Concert Choir 3,4; Girls Choir 2; Girls Ensemble 4; DECA 3. **Dorothy K. Miller**-DECA 3; Dramatics 3,4; Student Council 4; Bowling Club 4; Y-Teens 2.



Nancy Alice Miller-Gymnastics 2; Booster Club 2-4; Dramatics 4; Executive Council 4; Honor Society 2-4; Lettermen's Club 2-4; Student Council 3; Reflector 3,4; Editor 4; Journalism workshop 3,4. **Susan Elizabeth Miller**-Band 2,3; Honor Society 2-4. **George W. Mills**-Basketball 2; Football 2-4; Baseball 2-4; cap 1 4; Lettermen's Club 3,4; vice pres. 4; Prom King. **Sylvia Minkner**-Bowling Club 3. **Yvonne Elaine Mitchell**-Booster Club 2-4; Concert Choir 3,4; Girls Choir 2; Girls Ensemble 2-4; Bowling Club 2; Y-teens 2; Honor Society 4.



Craig Moran, **Mike Morassan**, **John Wayne Moranski**-Executive Council 4; Honor Society 3,4; Student Council 3. **Victoria Marie Moreno**-Band 2-4. **Susan Diane Morgan**-Band 2-4.



Eleanor Annette Murray, **Susan Marie Murray**-Booster Club 3. **Keith Allen Myers**-Basketball 2-4; Football 2-4; Baseball 2-4; Lettermen's Club 3,4; pres. 4; Reflector 2,3; Panther Press 2,3; Prom King candidate. **Karyn A. Natzke**-Booster Club 2-4; Executive Council 2; Pantherettes 2-4. **John Allen Newmister**.



Debbie Waters ties up a fortune in knots

Many students get frusted when they have to deal with knots. But for senior Debbie Waters knots, especially macrame' knots, are a way to earn money while keeping busy with an activity that she enjoys.

Debbie is afflicted with muscular dystrophy, a progressive disease which deteriorates her muscles and confines her to a wheelchair. This makes it impossible for her to keep an after school job like many other teens.

"After school I usually go home and work on an order for someone," Debbie said. "I like doing macrame' because I can make my own money and spend it."

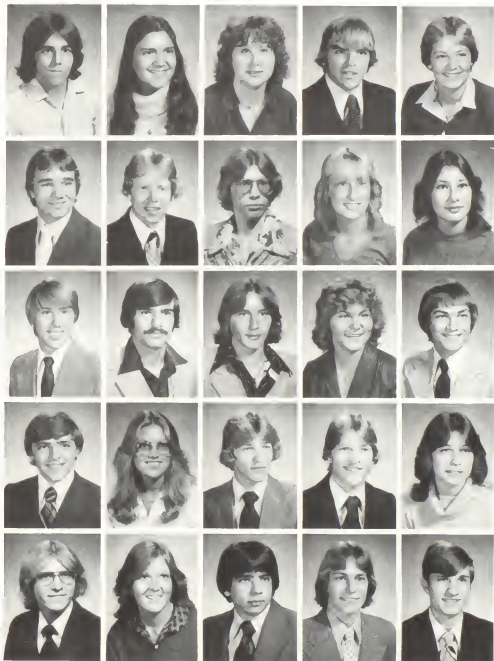
Macrame'd owls which double as towel

hangars are Debbie's specialty. Within the past year Debbie proudly states that she's made close to \$1,000. She charges \$16 per owl.

"I started macrame' for an assignment in interior design. I like it and asked for a \$25 sunburst kit for Christmas," Debbie explained.

Debbie says the knots can be confusing and learning the pattern can be difficult, but by now she has it down pat. She no longer needs the instructions. Debbie can work on two or three owl bodies in an evening.

"My mom helps me a lot," Debbie concluded, "a lot of people order and she she helps by getting all the materials."



Robert Alan Nichols-Tennis 2-4; Band 2,3. **Nancy Ann Onda**. **Tami Lynn Oppman**. **Mike W. Orr**-Football 3,4; Track 2-4; Wrestling 2-4; Band 2,3; Lettermen's Club 3,4. **Alison Owczarzak**-Booster Club 2-4; Sweatergirl 3,4; Executive Council 2-4; Quill and Scroll 3; Student Council 2-3; Reflector 3,4; Journalism workshop 2.

Michael J. Palinca-Football 2-4; Lettermen's Club 3,4. **Joe A. Paluch**-Football 4. **Dave Panek**-DECA 4. **Lori J. Patton**-Pantherettes 2. **Anna Marie Patronella**.

Vernon Jay Pohikvar. **David Allen Potchen**. **Ed M. Pramuk**. **Carol Ann Pustek**-Girls Basketball 2-4; Track 3,4; Volleyball 2-4; Lettermen's Club 2-4. **Wayne Rafalski**.

Dave E. Randolph-DECA 3,4; treas. 3. **Angela Ann Redar**-Booster Club 2; Reflector 2. **Donald Redden**-Track 2-4; All Conf. 2-4; Cross Country 2-4; cap't 3,4; Lettermen's Club 2-4. **Ronald Redden**-Track 2-4; cap't 3; Cross Country 204; All Conf. 2-4; cap't 4; Lettermen's Club 2-4. **Dana Lynne Reitz**-Booster Club 2-4; Student Council 2.

John D. Rhoten. **Laurie Rhoten**. **Mark Joseph Rochford**-Wrestling 2; Quill and Scroll 4; Photographer 2-4; Journalism workshop 3. **Larry George Rosinko**. **Raymond Edward Rubacha**.

Bud Ruesken, Roy Edward Russell-Football 2, Golf 2; **Tammy M. Ryan, Philip Joseph Sawyer, Karen Maureen Schultheiss**-Track 2-4, Booster Club 2-4; Pantherettes 4.



Randall Charles Schwader-Football 2-4; Track 2; Lettermen's Club 3, 4; **Larry Earl Scott, Debbie Louise Sexton**-Gymnastics 2; Booster Club 2-4; Band 2; Sweatergirl 4; Executive Council 2-4; Lettermen's Club 2-4; Student Council 2; Twirlers 2, 3; Class vice pres. 4; sec'y 2. **Melanie Sharp, Cynthia Rae Shearer**-Reflector 3, 4.



Paul Edward Shearer-DECA 3, 4. **Joyce Marie Smejek**-Track 2-4; Swimming 2-4; cap't 4; Booster Club 2-4; Cheerleader 4; Lettermen's Club 2-4; Pantherettes 2; Homecoming Queen Candidate; Timerette 4. **Michelle Marie Smith**-Girls Basketball 2; Track 2, 3; Booster Club 2-4; DECA 3. **Kelly Spickard, Brenda Sue Spitz**-Booster Club 2-4; Prom Queen candidate.



Paul Spitz-Football 2-4; Wrestling 2; Lettermen's Club 2-4. **Kevin Spry, John Stas**-Basketball trainer 2-4; Football 2-4; Track trainer 2; Lettermen's Club 2-4. **Katherine Elaine Sumner**-Gymnastics 3; Band 2; Booster Club 2-4; Cheerleader 2-4; Executive Council 4; Lettermen's Club 3, 4; Student Council 4; Honor Society 4; Homecoming Queen. **Kevin Dale Stassin**-Wrestling 3, 4; Lettermen's Club 3, 4.



Richard James Stedman-Chess Club 3. **Jeanine Stettin**-Booster Club 2-4; Sweatergirl 3, 4; Executive Council 4; Quill and Scroll 3, 4; treas. 4; News Bureau 3, 4; Journalism workshop 3, 4. **Lamar Stofko, Ted Stokes, Robin Michelle Stutz.**



Diane L. Strayer-Gymnastics 2; Booster Club 2-4; Sec'y 3; Treas. 4; Cheerleader 2; Sweatergirl 3, 4; Executive Council 2-4; Honor Society 3, 4; sec'y 3; Lettermen's Club 2-4; Student Council 2, 4; Girls State Delegate 4. **Violet Janette Sumner**-Concert Choir 4; Girls Choir 2, 3; Girls Ensemble 2; DECA 3, 4. **September Andrea Suris**-Booster Club 2-4; Sweatergirls 2-4; Executive Council 2, 3; Student Council 2, 3; Reflector 3, 4; Panther Press 2; Journalism workshop 3. **Robert Joseph Sturges**-Swimming 2-4; Lettermen's Club 2-4. **Diane R. Tatnai.**



Ed J. Thiel-DECA 3, 4. **Vicky Lynn Toler**-DECA 4. **Albert W. Tomasko**-Band 2-4. **Sonia Maria Trinitich**-Band 2-4; Booster Club 2-4; Dramatics 2-4; 7-Teens 2, 3; Timerette 3; Pantherettes 3, 4. **Richard John Troksa**-Executive Council 3; Honor Society 2-4; Quill and Scroll 4; Reflector Photographer 3, 4; Panther Press 3, 4; Reflector 3, 4. Journalism workshop 3, 4; Class vice pres. 3.



Garry M. Vajda, Eric Van Gorp-Basketball 2; Football 2-4; Baseball 2-4; Lettermen's Club 2-4. **Joanne Mary Verhulst**-Track 3; Tennis 2; Booster Club 2-4; Dramatics 3, 4; Executive Council 4; Honor Society 2-4; Quill and Scroll 3, 4; sec'y 3; Student Council 3, 4; pres. 4; Panther Press 2, 4; News Bureau 3; Journalism workshop 3, 4; Girls State Delegate. **Barb Vickery, Diane D. Voss**-Gymnastics 2; Booster Club 2-4; Pantherettes 2; Pantherette workshop 2.





Carol Jeanne Wagman-Track 2.4; Booster Club 2.4; Executive Council 4; Student Council 2.4; Panherette 2. **Fred D. Ward**-Basketball 2; Baseball 2. **Dabbie Ann Waters, Kathy Wegrzyn, Stephen Matthew Whelan**-Concert Choir 2.4; Chorale 3.4.

Stewart Edward Wiedeman-Wrestling 2.4; Dramatics 4; Reflector 2.3. **Eileen Valerie Wilcox**-Track 2.3; Booster Club 2; Girls Choir 2.3; Girls Ensemble 2.3. **Bill Wilkie, Jamie Lynn Woodard**-Band 2.4; Booster Club 4; Tmerettes 3.4. **Mike E. Worley**-Basketball 2.4; cap 1.4; Football 2.

Andi Wright, Mara Holly Wright-Band 2.4; vice pres. 4; DECA 3; Honor Society 2.4; pres. 4. **Deborah Marie Wydrinski**-Booster Club 2; Bowling club 4.

Bridget Patricia Wykel-Booster Club 2.4; Concert Choir 2.4; pres. 4; Chorale 3.4; Dramatics 3.4; Executive Council 3.4; Honor Society 3.4; Student Council 2.4; sec'y 4; Y-teens 2; Mat maids 2; Girls State Alternate. **Penny Zick**.

Robert Dale Zubrick-Track 2.4.

In memorial



The death of senior Craig Lee, Friday, November 16, of an apparent heart failure clearly shocked the students of Griffith High School. According to faculty members, not since President John F. Kennedy was shot in 1962 have the halls been so full of quiet sorrow.

Craig was a popular and active student. He ranked in the upper third of his class. A prom king candidate his junior year, Craig excelled in football, basketball, and baseball. He was a member of Varsity Club during his sophomore, junior, and senior years.

Death is hard to accept but it is especially difficult to cope with when one is so young and familiar to us. Craig will be missed.



Not pictured

Mary Ann Anderson
Cara Ashcraft
Jay Bartlett
Richard Bell
Bob Bice
Lee Bigelow
Dave Bryant
Tim Cassoday
Veronica Chandler
Paul Cole
Scott Craven
Mike Dailey
Sherry Dallas
Greg Donovsky
Chris Gal
Tim Gonzales
Neil Gresser
Jeff Hall
Jim Harlan
Linda Holeman
Terry Jurevis
Ted Kirby
Melanie Kleinman
John Kovera
Ron Lewis

Mary Little
Helene Lozano
Mike McCarty
Phyllis McCrary
Scott McPherson
Dave Malik
Robyn Martin
Roxanne Nordyke
Paulette Perez
Scott Reeves
Liz Robles
Tony Ross
Tom Salzer
Mike Schaller
Robyn Seitzinger
Janet Smothers
Kim Stolko
Robin Szafasz
David Teasdale
Bob Thompson
Danny Trivunovic
Lynne Wagner
Ivan Zokvic

Junior Executive Council-Back row: Scott Carpenter, Anthony Joseph, Kelly Farnelli, **Third row:** Kristy Conaway, Tammy Christenson, Jeannette Geisen, Jennifer Geisen, Sally Campbell, Laura White. **Second row:** Linda Delaham, Kris Galk, Carol Genis, Dehn Johnson, Kathy Frye. **Front row:** Jannie Hattenbach, pres., Ron Rodrigues, vice pres., Kay Nelson, sec'y., Melanie Gerhke, treas.



Adams, Brian
Aderhold, Carl
Anderson, Tom
Anzur, Tony
Arndt, Linda



Atkinson, Lisa
Austin, Jeff
Baccino, Jim
Baldner, Barry
Ballard, Ward



Balluch, Kevin
Baranik, Chris
Barham, Olin
Barrell, John
Barrett, Nicolette



Berilla, Sue
Berkos, Steve
Bien, Michael
Blair Crystal
Blakslee, Matthew



Blanchard, John
Bloomer, Larry
Bloomer, Lorrie
Blount, Kay
Bock, Diana



Bogucki, Cheryl
Boilek, Mitch
Bolthorst, Debbie
Boltz, Dan
Bowman, Christie



Juniors Prom, float—Juniors fill all their orders

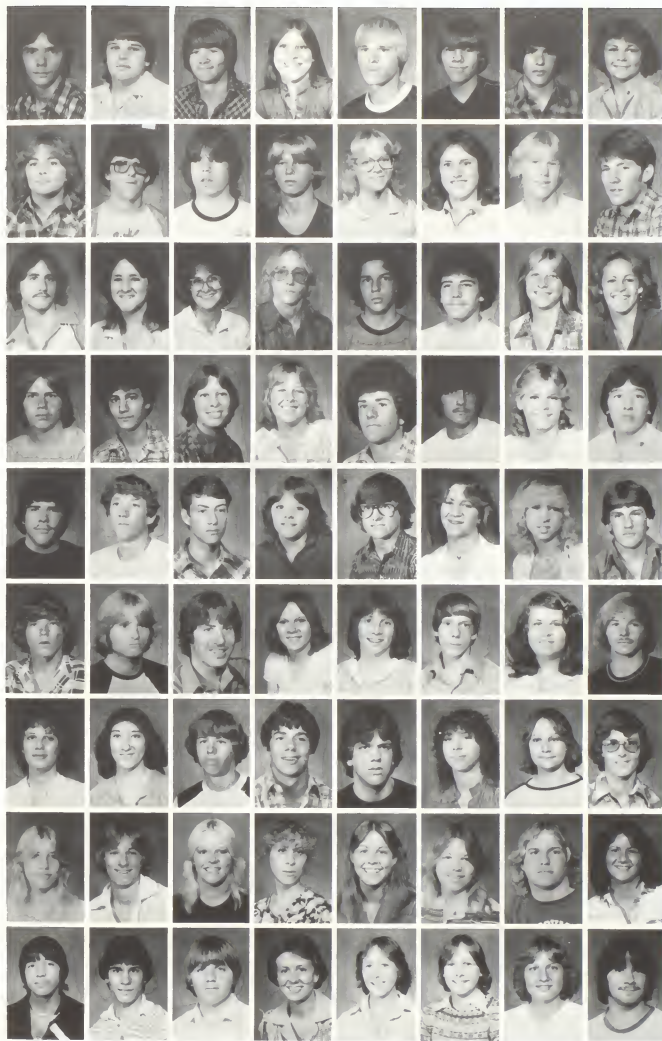
"First you'll have to make a Homecoming float," the juniors were told. "No big deal," they thought. "And then it is up to you to plan and sponsor Prom," they were informed. "No problem," they thought again. They thought ...

Homecoming arrived and after two weeks of hard work in the body repairs building of Christenson Chevrolet, the juniors managed to fill their first order with a 17-foot high float entitled "Blast Them Varmints." The float took second place, along with juniors in the spirit competition. The biggest order, however, was yet to come.

Under the direction of class sponsors Miss Cynthia Przondo and Mr. Ken Miller, class officers Jannie Hattenbach, Ron Rodriguez, Melanie Gehrke, and Kay Nelson began organizing fellow juniors in money raising tasks.

November brought the biggest money raising event, the annual magazine sale. Then came the job of finding two bands and choosing a caterer.

The months of preparation and planning paid off when Prom took place, May 10, at St. Helen and Constantine Hall in Merrillville. After seeing their plans fall into place, and seeing that all the hard work was appreciated, the juniors were reassured that they were the one class who could fill any order.



Bowman, Dan
 Bozetarnik, Pennie
 Bradley, Steve
 Brambert, Sherry
 Bridges, Scott
 Broelmann, Gary
 Brooks, Steve
 Bryant, Kim

Bundy, Jackie
 Burbridge, Mike
 Burgess, Darin
 Camp, Todd
 Campbell, Margaret
 Campbell, Sally
 Carlson, Rich
 Carpenter, Scott

Cassidy, Scott
 Castile, Venus
 Catchur, Lisa
 Chambers, Robert
 Chidichimo, Brian
 Choate, Steve
 Christenson, Tammy
 Clark, Lori

Coddington, Jeff
 Coduti, Bob
 Colburn, Cindy
 Conway, Kristy
 Concaldi, Rich
 Corle, Bill
 Cox, Shari
 Creviston, Delman

Crosek, Dean
 Cummings, Carl
 Cummings, Steve
 Davids, Terri
 Deckard, John
 Dellahan, Linda
 DeLong, Debbie
 Dillon, Waid

Donnelly, Troy
 Doppler, Tom
 Downing, Bill
 Dunn, Judy
 DuVall, Lynda
 Dwyer, Richard
 Earl, Lorri
 Eriks, Tom

Ertl, Karen
 Farinelli, Kelly
 Fech, Don
 Filkowski, Jim
 Finck, Joe
 Finger, JoAnn
 Finnie, Holly
 Fisch, Rob

Fiscus, Becky
 Foster, Eric
 Foust, Carla
 Frost, Sue
 Frye, Kathy
 Fryman, Dena
 Galambos, Vince
 Galik, Kris

Gardow, Troy
 Gaydos, Frank
 Gebert, Doug
 Gehrke, Melanie
 Geisen, Jeanette
 Geisen, Jennifer
 Genis, Carol
 Gerike, Dave

Gettig, Denise
Gilsinger, Tom
Girman, Annette
Griffike, Tom
Good, Dena
Grandys, Linda
Gustamente, Kaye
Hall, Jerry



Hall, Scott
Hall, Sherri
Hall, Tina
Hardin, Roger
Hart, Guy
Hass, Ellen
Hattenbach, Jannie
Haynes, Tammy



Heidler, Dave
Hilbrich, Genna
Hinton, Lisa
Hochstetler, Chuck
Hochstetler, Doreen
Holsclaw, Don
Hood, Dana
Hopp, Leonard



Howard, Penny
Howard, Wesley
Hughes, Mike
Imrie, Renee
Ioakimidis, Marianne
Itczak, Tim
Itczak, Tom
Ivers, Chris



Jacobs, Patty
Jacobs, Ron
Jergens, Quinn
Johnson, Debbie
Johnson, Dehn
Johnson, Jeff
Jones, Bill
Jones, Dale



Joseph, Anthony
Jostes, Carrie
Joyce, Mark
Kalcicky, Ken
Kane, Bill
Kegebein, Dave
Kelly, Debbie
Kilinski, Mike



King, Alan
Konopasek, Kirt
Korzeniewski, Chris
Kowalsyn, Pam
Kozlica, Jeff
Kurtz, Jim
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Kuss, Megan



Larson, William
Lawson, Mark
Legler, Terri
Lewis, Shari
Lewis, Stephanie
Lickwar, Keith
Littrell, Yolanda
Lopez, Debbie



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Lynk, Gary
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McCauley, Sue
McClure, Howard
McCluskey, Patti
McConnell, Keith





Bonnie—Yolanda's afterschool delight

Some kids come home from school, grab a bite to eat, and head for the TV. Junior Yolanda Littrell has a different routine. She tends to her own horse, Bonnie, who is a nine year old Buckskin.

Yolanda became interested in horses when she was seven years old. Her parents had her start taking riding lessons and she began riding for competition when she was 13.

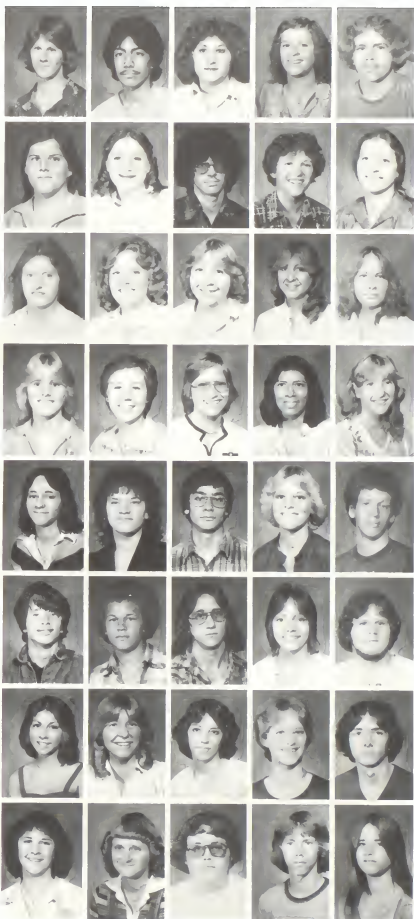
Yolanda has had Bonnie for a year and a half and has been in one show with her. "I kind of pushed her a little," said Yolanda, "it usually takes around two years to teach a horse to do everything right."

Bonnie and Yolanda haven't won any ribbons yet, but Yolanda has been a winner in competition with other horses she has ridden.

Bonnie is kept in a small stall behind Yolanda's house. Every day Yolanda goes out and brushes Bonnie and feeds her precisely at 6:00 p.m. When Yolanda has no homework, she comes home right after school and rides.

After graduation next year, Yolanda is hoping to become a riding instructor or a horse trainer.

She says, with a sparkle in her eye, "Horses are something special!"



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Maldonado, Linda
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Moreno, Juanita
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Nelson, Kay
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Novath, Ken
Nowak, Mary
Osborn, John

Pacurar, Lisa
Palmer, Michele
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Pavy, Kathy
Pement, Scott

Penwitt, Krista
Pepler, Tamara
Peters, Bill
Peters, Jeff
Phillips, Lisa

The arabesque is a common move in both ballet and figure skating. Junior Brenda Ritchie executes one of the difficult moves required of a figure skater. Brenda was inspired by Olympic Champion Janet Lynn.



Ritchie sees Olympic Gold in her dreams

The alarm blares, shattering dreams of flying camels and tripple axels. Junior Brenda Ritchie crawls from bed.

This is the uncommon routine for an uncommon girl. While many people have visions of sugar plums, Brenda dreams of an Olympic Gold Medal.

Every Saturday at 6 a.m. Brenda dons her ice skates and glides on to the ice, ready for another day of grueling practice.

Brenda became interested in ice skating by watching Olympic champion Janet Lynn. "I saw her skate on TV and I thought it looked fun," she said, "so that Christmas my parents bought me a pair of skates. I've been skating ever since."

Brenda was 12 years old when she started taking lessons, four years ago. She practices two hours every Monday and Wednesday, and six hours on Saturdays.

Next year Brenda plans to compete in regional competition and possibly to on to state. "I'd love to be in the Olympics too, but that's really very hard to speculate." Who knows? 1984 is just a flying camel away.

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Pickett, Linda
Pilch, Tina
Pirau, Ron
Ploeg, Don
Popovich, Michelle
Racine, Jodie
Rafia, Cheryl



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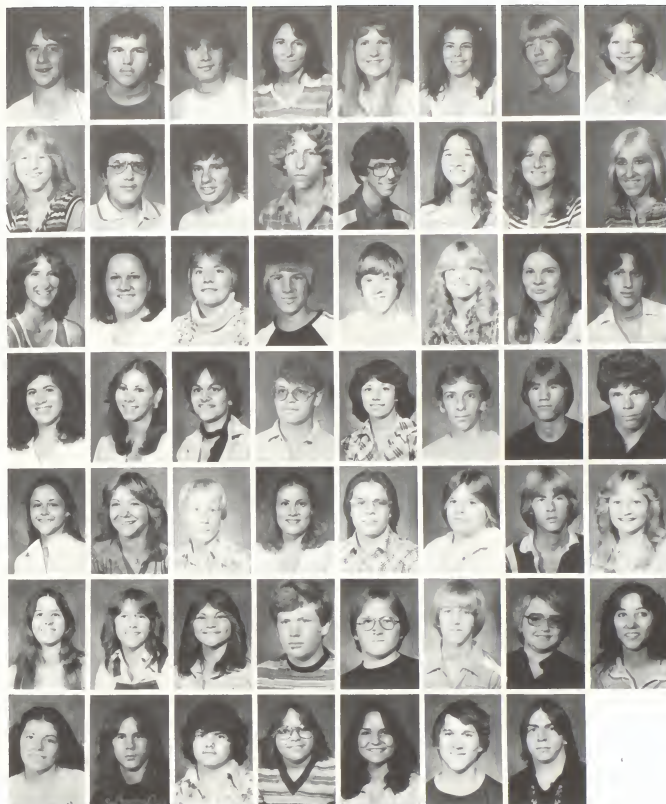


Ritchie, Brenda
Roberts, Judy
Rocha, Jesse
Rodgers, Debbie
Rodriguez, Ron
Romp, Nancy
Ross, Gina
Rucoba, Sue



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White, Trudy
Whitehead, Steve
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Wikie, Tim
Williams, Jane
Woodard, Traci

Yokubaitis, Michele
York, Daryl
Young, Randy
Zalcow, Lisa
Zadnstra, Brenda
Zick, Paul
Zylo, Keith

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Balding, Randal
Brown, Laura
Burris, Daphne
Campbell, Cheryl
Chestnut, Diane
Cloonan, Mary Jo
Cooper, Guy
Gerber, Vicki
Hamilton, Natalie

Heffen, Michael
Itczak, Ted
Kasper, Bill
Kasprzak, Tony
Lichtle, Jim
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Smith, Anita
Solano, Richard
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 Aderhold, Steve
 Ahlmer, Brian
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 Anderson, Warner
 Anzur, Tammy
 Aquillon, Cathy
 Armstrong, Raymond



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 Ashcraft, Crista
 Aumiller, Tina
 Austin, Jim
 Bach, Sandy



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 Bartlett, Matt
 Battiner, Pam



Bennett, Ellen
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 Blunt, Richard
 Bodamer, Ken
 Bola, Dave
 Boltz, Tammy



Sophs shape into a 'decent class,' plan Turnabout, float

"Catch him. I remember being that short once, when I was nine years old!"

"What about that guy? 'Future Lock.' Those tall ones will learn their place pretty quick. We won't let 'em forget who's the upperclassmen around here."

Two senior boys sat on the ledge one hot August day, sizing up the young students, fresh from the junior high, who called themselves "sophomores."

"Check her out. If she'd loose a few pounds, she'd be down to fat."

"What about that one?"

"Yeah, what about that one? Maybe those sophomores won't be so bad after all."

Late in October, the boys resumed their positions.

"What a Homecoming. The sophomores did a great job on their float, even though we got first place and the juniors got second. They can't complain though. They did get second in spirit competition, activities night, and hall banner."

The boys conversed again one Monday morning in early February.

"How was your weekend?"

"Spending it at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Merrillville with my Turnabout date certainly broke up the routine. Did the sophomores really plan the whole thing?"

"Yup. I guess we've gotta admit it. That fearful little group has shaped up into a decent class. Some of the girls have shaped up pretty nicely too."



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Bradley, Brian
Brambert, Robin
Brasel, Glenda
Britton, Cheryl
Brooks, Lisa
Brown, Dave
Bunce, Tom



Burbridge, Pat
Burge, Michelle
Caldwell, Tammi
Campbell, Linda
Campbell, Mark
Carroll, Beni
Cazares, Josephine
Cederholm, Robert



Chandler, Jeff
Chermak, Keith
Chidichimo, Janet
Chikos, Brenda
Choate, Karen
Ciesco, Beth
Cieslak, Chris
Cioroianu, Chris



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Colby, Jim
Combs, Alice
Corle, Gene
Cornejo, Gina
Craven, Mark
Creviston, Dane
Croft, Darrell



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Csorka, Phyllis
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Deeter, Rob
de la Vega, Rose
Dobosz, Mike



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Dragovich, Colleen
Duncan, Kurt
Dye, Lea Ann
Engle, Sally
Farkas, Ken
Farrell, Mary



Fisher, Don
Fisher, Gene
Fratter, Denise
Friek, Kevin
Fuss, Cindy
Gabrys, Steve
Garstik, Steve
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Geisen, Jim
Gerber, Jim
Gisinger, Robert
Golden, Heather
Gonzalez, Chris
Gonzales, Patrick
Goodman, John



Gootee, Alison
Gordon, Julie
Grabinski, Bob
Gradio, Kristy
Green, Sue
Grubach, Julie
Gunnun, Tom
Hajdich, Damon



The scream of the engines, the roaring of the wind against their faces, the feeling of freedom as they fly over hills. This is sophomores Steve Gabry's favorite pastime, racing motor cross bikes.

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Haller, Jerry
Halverson, Kevin
Hannah, Earlene
Hardin, Cindy
Hardin, Mark
Hardin, Mike D.
Hardin, Mike E.



Hartman, Ken
Hatmaker, Sharon
Hayes, Barry
Hayes, James
Hedges, Denise
Hein, Denise
Hernandez, Victor
Hess, Charles



Hilbrich, Judy
Hillman, Brian
Hodor, Jayne
Holclaw, Tony
Houldieson, Mary Kay
Howerton, Debbie
Huzzie, Lisa
Hyde, Alison



Inman, Daryl
Isen, Ishmael
Jacobs, Rick
Jansen, Kelly
Jarmakowicz, Nancy
Jeanes, Cathy
Johanson, Christine
Johnson, Bruce



Johnson, Terry
Jones, Dave
Jones, Debra
Jones, Jim
Jones, John
Jostes, Carrie L.
Jostes, Christopher
Kasprzak, Tracey



Kaufman, Phyllis
Keelen, Terry
Kepshire, Barry
Kjurna, Linda
Kime, Denise
Kistler, Jeff
Klemoff, Roger
Klovansh, Steve



Jim, Steve enjoy racing excitement

Mud sprays from the back tire as he spins out of a turn in hot pursuit of the leader.

The engine whines out and the rider shifts into the next gear as he picks up speed. Carefully, he navigates a muddy turn which if misjudged could sprawl him out on the course, trying to duck oncoming motorcycles. Sophomores Jim Moranski and Steve Gabrys are two people who enjoy the excitement of motor cross.

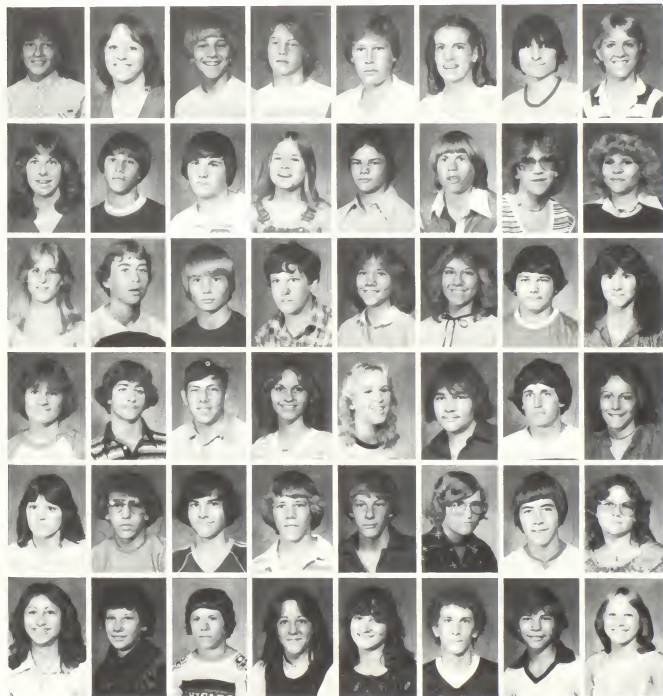
Each races motor cross bikes in his spare time. Steve, a racer for two years, has won several trophies. This year he was unable to compete due to a shoulder injury. The injury was not

sustained, however, to motorcycles.

In Jim's rookie season he has competed in two races placing third and fourth and winning two trophies.

Eight hours of practice per week goes into the races on worn out courses behind South Park.

Steve can attest to motor cross being a dangerous sport. He was injured two years ago when he was thrown into a ditch and knocked unconscious. Jim hasn't sustained any injuries. But the danger doesn't seem to bother them. As Steve said, he still races because, "It's a good feeling and it makes me feel great."



Knierleman, Denise
Kominski, Lisa
Konopasek, Bryan
Konopasek, Ed
Kool, Mark
Kregel, Joanne
Krnich, Ron
Kudzinowski, Ann

Kurtz, Julianne
Kwolek, Frank
Lach, Mickey
Ladendorf, Robin
Lattin, Dave
Leonhardt, Tim
Lesniak, Sue
Leslie, Kimberly

Letts, Patty
Lindauer, Rich
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McCarroll, Chuck
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McCoy, Tim
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Manges, Vic
Marlowe, Sam
Martin, Paul
Marvel, Robert
Mauger, Gordon
Maxberry, Martha

Medina, Josie
Melton, Karen
Meny, James
Messinio, Julie
Mezzacapo, Nancy
Michalik, Norman
Mikulski, Dan
Milch, Leslie

Milosavljevic, Nadine
Mirda, John
Mitchell, Keith
Moranski, Jim
Morason, Steve
Morton, Lynette
Muha, Judy
Muller, Dottie



Mullert, Angela
Murason, James
Nichols, Denise
Nicoloff, Paul
Noeker, Jim
Obermeyer, Tim
Osmulski, Anne
Owczarzak, Tim



Pacurar, Dena
Pal, Daniel
Paluch, Jill
Parek, Steve
Paquin, Chris
Paradis, Denise
Patrick, Sherry
Pearson, Sue



Penwitt, Dan
Pepler, Tammy
Perotti, Greg
Phillips, Darryl
Pike, Dave
Pol, Sharon
Polgar, Chris
Popyk, John



Portlock, Vince
Potosky, Greg
Pramuk, Joe
Rafa, Diane
Regeski, Dawn
Rex, Karen
Reyome, Kathy
Richard, Carol



Sonja, loyal to red, white 'n blue and red, white 'n blue, plus gold

The Star Spangled Banner and the American flag signify part of the American life. To be part of this country, though, is often taken for granted. American citizenship is thought to be something which everyone automatically receives. But, for sophomore Sonja Balac it is just the opposite.

"I used to live in Yugoslavia and my family moved to the United States when I was five years old. Since my mother

and father aren't citizens, I can't be either, until I'm 18," Sonja stated.

"I went back to Yugoslavia last summer to see my relatives. It was my first time back in ten years. The mountains are still there and its really pretty, but Yugoslavia has now changed from the backwards country it once was, to a kind of modern one."

Sonja concluded, by saying, "I wouldn't mind returning some day, for a visit, but not right now."

Surrounded by mementos of her native land, sophomore Sonja Balac holds a Yugoslavian cigarette dispenser. Unlike most students, Sonja is a citizen of Yugoslavia, not of the United States.





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Roach, James
Rogowski, Andy
Rosinski, Beth
Rowe, Lisa
Russell, Dave
Ruska, Eric
Sacerich, Deborah



Sainato, Jacqueline
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Sallas, Lupe
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Schulte, Karla



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Seaman, Cathy
Setmayer, Allen
Shaffer, Cindy
Shearer, Todd
Simac, Kevin
Smiedzinski, Lora



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Stephens, Tina



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Tedesco, Dave
Thiel, Betty
Thompson, James



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Uhter, Patrick
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Whelan, Dave
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Baird, Brian
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Bodnar, John
Carollo, Kathleen
Cheffter, Tracy
Cox, Eddie
Demske, Scott

Fisher, Teresa
Gladdie, Emil
Govert, Chris
Jevyak, Scott
Komasar, Mark
Krug, Gary
Lichtle, Tom
Mandernach, Todd
Mihalich, David

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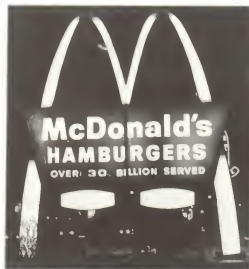
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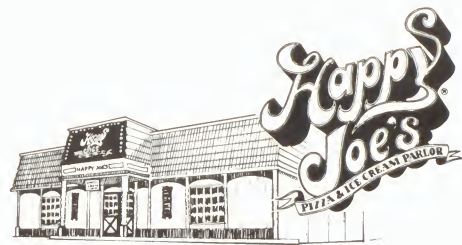
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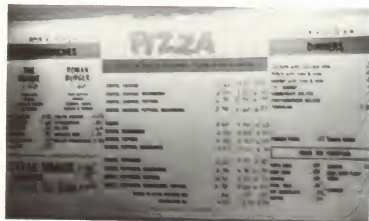


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snapped his fingers and the "chicks"
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